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With fantastic opportunities for work and play – without high costs and hassles – Buffalo Niagara is your place for a great life.

In Buffalo Niagara, abundant green spaces are surrounded by sparkling waters, including two Great Lakes – Erie and Ontario – and the Niagara River, and one of the world's most popular natural wonders, Niagara Falls. To the east and south are rolling farms, great ski areas, countless inland lakes and rivers, miles of hiking and biking trails, many New York State parks and forests, and much more to enjoy.

Buffalo and its sister city, Niagara Falls, are the business and entertainment hubs of our region. Both cities are undergoing phenomenal transformations spurred by billions in public and private investment. Redevelopment and new construction abound, and businesses from restaurants to galleries to technology centers are opening at the fastest pace in more than 50 years.

And while the positive energy is tangible, the ability to enjoy living and working here remains eminently accessible: Buffalo Niagara still has one of the lowest costs of living and easiest commutes of any similarly sized metropolitan areas in the United States.

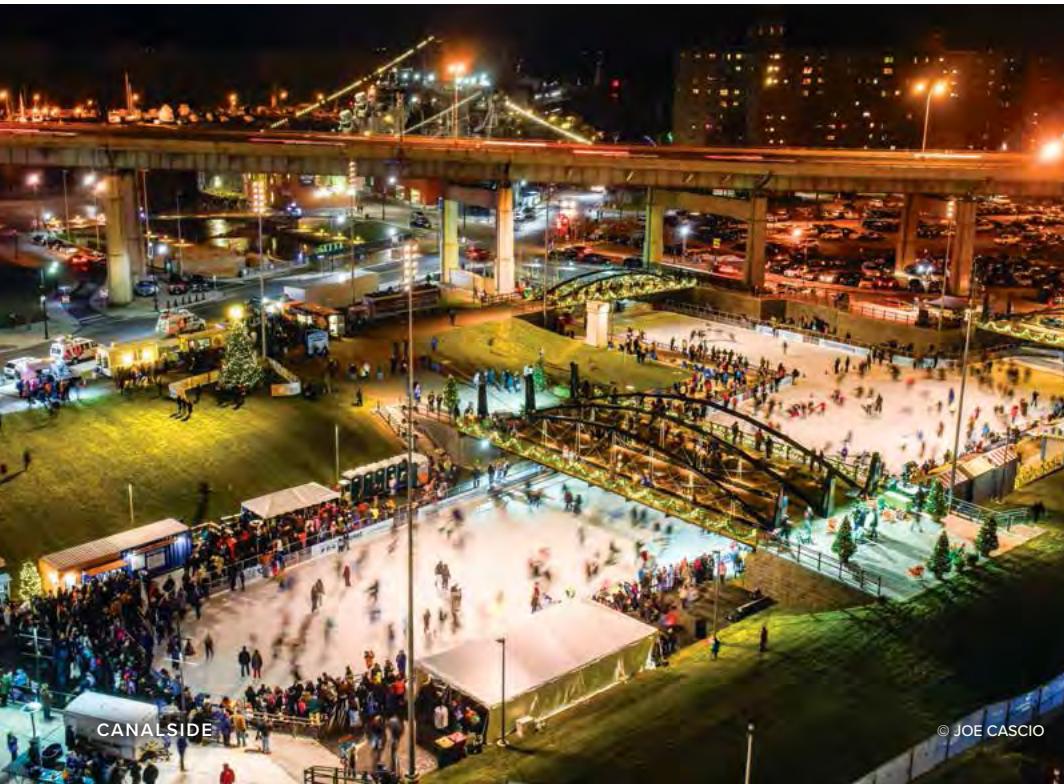
This guide will help you get to know Western New York – and while there are always new things to discover, it never takes long for it to feel like home.

Buffalo Niagara: Where Life Works.



A handwritten signature of Thomas A. Kucharski.

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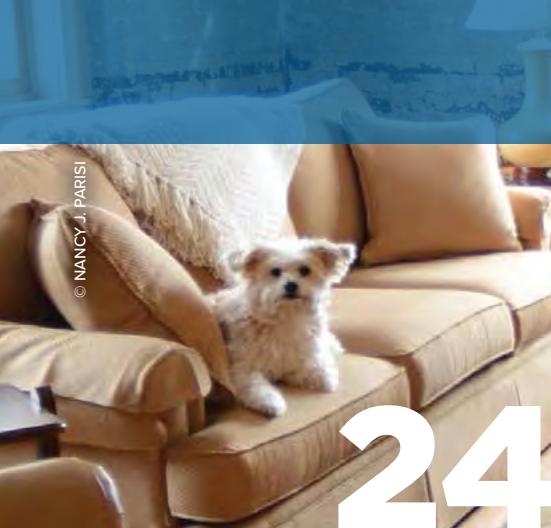
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Calls Williamsville home

“ I love our great restaurants, entertainment venues, the change of four seasons and being so close to the beautiful Finger Lakes, Ellicottville, Niagara Falls, and Toronto, ON. ”

With fantastic opportunities for work and play — without high costs and hassles — Buffalo Niagara is your place for a great life.

Downtown Buffalo features destination venues like **Canalside**, **HARBORCENTER**, and **RiverWorks** for year-round entertainment, from sailing and paddleboarding to ice skating and hockey. There's also phenomenal architecture, craft breweries and distilleries, fantastic restaurants, diverse food trucks, live music venues, Broadway shows, college centers, and professional sports arenas.

Popular neighborhoods like **Elmwood Village**, **Allentown**, and **North Buffalo's Hertel Avenue** are easy to explore on foot or by bike and offer cozy coffee shops, renowned museums, diners and bistros, farmers' markets, an internationally celebrated orchestra, intimate galleries, antique markets, and locally owned shops.

Buffalo's **Frederick Law Olmsted**-designed **park system** and community greenspaces offer swimming pools, soccer fields, splash pads, tennis, golf, and more.

The sparkling waters of the Niagara River, two Great Lakes — Erie and Ontario — and one of the world's natural wonders, **Niagara Falls**, along with its emerging downtown center and area wineries, surround the region to the west and north. To the east and south are rolling hills, family-owned dairy and produce farms, historic cider mills and maple-sugar shacks, ski resorts, and miles of hiking, biking and snowmobile trails. In between, welcoming suburbs offer nationally recognized school districts and an abundance of family-friendly amenities.

One Spectacular Region

When you explore Western New York, you'll soon discover how special it is and how much there is to do. This section is an overview of the eight counties that make up the region: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming. Geographically speaking, several of the world's largest bodies of fresh water create the region's western and northern borders: Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Niagara Falls, and Lake Ontario interconnect for a natural boundary that's spectacular to see and enjoy (the waterways are also the reason for our temperate climate). Everything to the east of the water is lush, green, and beautiful.

We've spotlighted the largest cities — Buffalo and Niagara Falls — and their respective counties — Erie and Niagara — followed by highlights of the other counties and the villages, towns, activities, and amenities that make up this spectacular region.





**GREAT
LAKES
FANTASTIC
FOOD
NIAGARA
FALLS
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ARCHITECTURE**

Erie County

POPULATION:

922,578 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

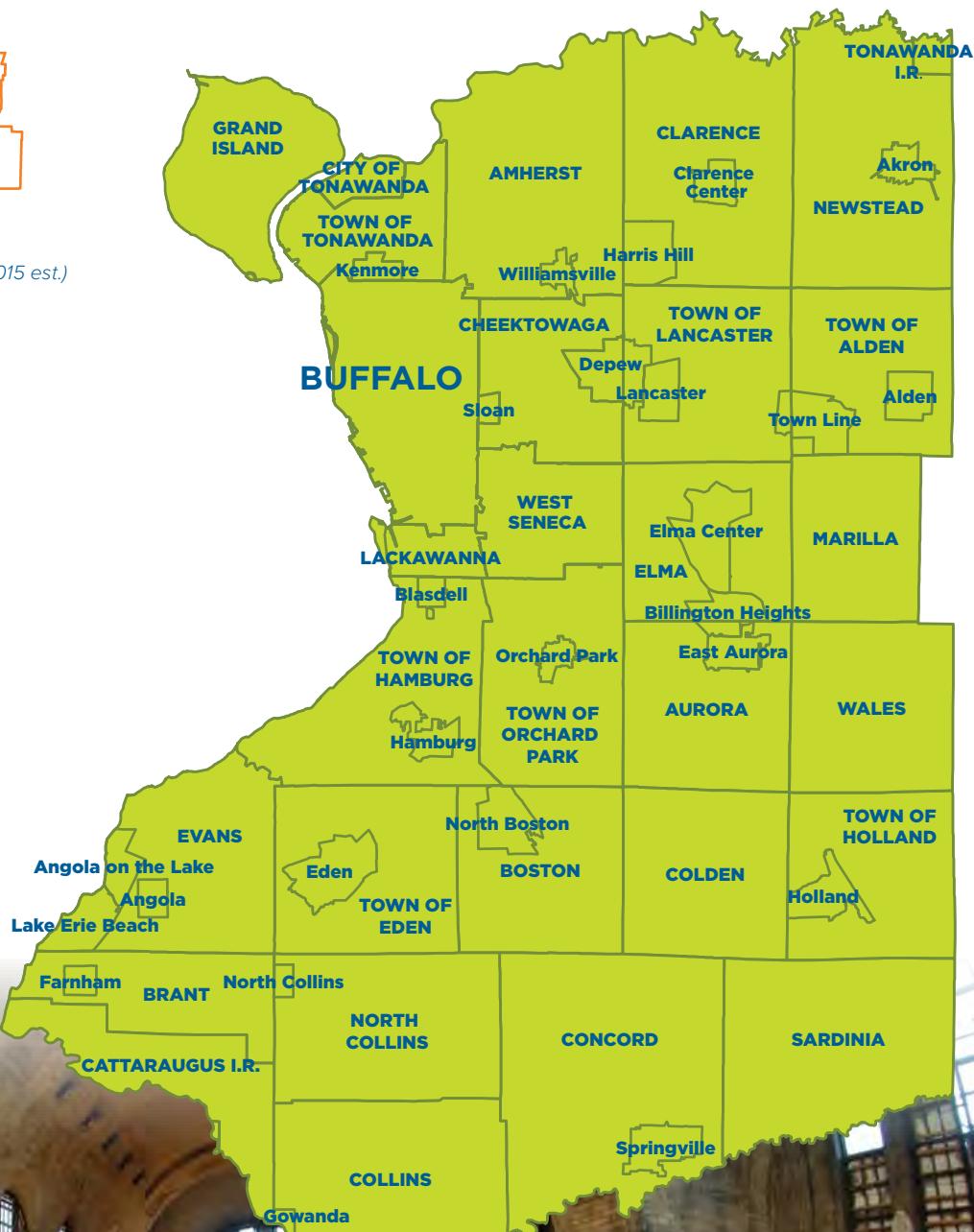
1,044 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Buffalo – Population: 275,832 (2015 est.)

The region's commercial and cultural center is the City of Buffalo, located in Erie County on the shores of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Buffalo is the second-largest city in New York State (second, of course, to New York City). In addition to serving as the region's business hub, you'll find that Buffalo is a terrific place to live and play. There are a myriad of residential options as well as museums, theaters, schools, galleries, sports venues, restaurants, shops, and much more. All of our region's major league sports teams play in Erie County, as well as several minor league and collegiate teams.

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ERIE COUNTY: CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES

ERIE COUNTY	716-858-8500	www.erie.gov
CITY OF BUFFALO	716-851-4200	www.city-buffalo.com
Village of Akron	716-542-9636	www.erie.gov/akron
Town of Alden	716-937-6969	www.erie.gov/alden
Village of Alden	716-937-9216	www.erie.gov/village_alden
Town of Amherst	716-631-7000	www.amherst.ny.us
Village of Angola	716-549-1126	www.villageofangola.org
Town of Aurora	716-652-7590	www.townofaurora.com
Village of Blasdell	716-822-1921	www.blasdell.org
Town of Boston	716-941-6113	www.townofboston.com
Town of Brant	716-549-0282	www.brantny.com
Town of Cheektowaga	716-686-3400	www.tocny.org
Town of Clarence	716-741-8930	www.erie.gov/clarence
Town of Colden	716-941-5012	www.townofcolden.com
Town of Collins	716-532-4887	www.townofcollinsny.org
Town of Concord	716-592-4948	www.townofconcordny.com
Village of Depew	716-683-7451	www.villageofdepew.org
Village of East Aurora	716-652-6000	www.east-aurora.ny.us
Town of Eden	716-992-3408	www.edenny.org
Town of Elma	716-652-3260	www.elmanewyork.com
Town of Evans	716-549-8787	www.townofevans.org
Village of Gowanda	716-532-3353	www.villageofgowanda.com
Town of Grand Island	716-773-9600	www.grand-island.ny.us
Town of Hamburg	716-649-6111	www.townofhamburgny.com
Village of Hamburg	716-649-0200	www.villagehamburg.com
Town of Holland	716-537-9443	www.townofhollandny.com
Village of Kenmore	716-873-5700	www.villageofkenmore.org
City of Lackawanna	716-827-6450	www.lackawannany.gov
Town of Lancaster	716-683-1610	www.lancasterny.gov
Village of Lancaster	716-683-2105	www.lancastervillage.org
Town of Marilla	716-652-5350	www.townofmarilla.com
Town of Newstead	716-542-4573	www.erie.gov/newstead
Town of North Collins	716-337-3391	www.northcollinsny.org
Village of North Collins	716-337-3160	www.villageofnorthcollins.org
Town of Orchard Park	716-662-6400	www.orchardparkny.org
Village of Orchard Park	716-662-9327	www.orchardparkvillage.org
Town of Sardinia	716-496-8900	www.erie.gov/sardinia
Village of Sloan	716-897-1560	www.villageofsloan.org
Village of Springville	716-592-4936	www.villageofspringvilleny.com
City of Tonawanda	716-695-1800	www.ci.tonawanda.ny.us
Town of Tonawanda	716-877-8800	www.tonawanda.ny.us
Town of Wales	716-652-0589	www.townofwales.com
Town of West Seneca	716-674-5600	www.westseneca.net
Village of Williamsville	716-632-4120	www.walkablewilliamsville.com

THE NORTHTOWNS

— The northern suburbs of Buffalo including Tonawanda, Kenmore, Amherst, Williamsville, and Clarence. May or may not include Wheatfield and North Tonawanda, depending on speaker.

THE SOUTHTOWNS

— Towns located south of the Buffalo River, generally Hamburg, Orchard Park, Boston, Eden, Elma, East Aurora, etc.



ERIE BASIN MARINA

Buffalo Neighborhoods

INSIDE THE DOWNTOWN CORE

1 Canalside

Back in the 1800s, the Erie Canal was a thriving waterway connecting the Great Lakes region to New York City, and the canal's western terminus in Buffalo was a hub of commercial activity. Today, this same area — now known as Canalside — has been rediscovered (literally, as the terminus was buried for decades) and revitalized. Canalside has quickly become the heart of downtown as a waterfront destination with daily free and low-cost events from craft beer tastings to waterside yoga classes. In summer, you'll find people picnicking and playing games on the rolling lawns; kayaking, paddle-boarding, and sailing in the surrounding waterways; and enjoying evening concerts, fireworks, and more. And if you think things slow down in winter, think

again: the canal becomes an urban outdoor ice skating (and ice bike) rink filled with people day and night.

2 Central Business District

Just steps from Canalside is the Central Business District, which is home to several of Buffalo's largest private and public-sector employers. You'll find beautiful architecture throughout, such as Buffalo's Art Deco-era City Hall, the Ellicott Square Building, and the Guaranty Building. Many of the district's historic buildings are now residential and mixed-use properties including the Hotel at The Lafayette (designed by Louise Bethune, the nation's first female architect). It's also home to HARBORCENTER — a mixed-use sports and entertainment venue — and a myriad of restaurants, brew pubs, lodging, and nightlife.

3 Cobblestone District

Small in size but packed with activity, this enclave next to the Central Business District has recently undergone major redevelopment with loft apartments in renovated factories, restaurants, and exhibition spaces for visual and performing arts. Here's where you'll find First Niagara Center, a venue for top-name concerts and home of the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres and our professional lacrosse team, the Buffalo Bandits. Just across the Buffalo River is RiverWorks — a redeveloped industrial and grain-elevator compound that hosts amateur hockey, curling, roller derby, and more — including a concert venue, restaurant, and brewery.

BUFFALO NICKNAMES:

QUEEN CITY



NICKEL CITY

CITY OF LIGHT

CITY OF NO ILLUSIONS

CITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS

“With a focus on increased economic development, job creation, and opportunity for all city residents, Buffalo is becoming a location of choice for new and established businesses and their employees. Investment in the City is higher than it's been in decades and the fruits of this investment have visibly changed our City's skyline. Buffalo is moving forward, and we ask you to join us in building on its momentum.”



Byron Brown
MAYOR, CITY OF BUFFALO



RIVERWORKS IN THE COBBLESTONE DISTRICT

OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN

4 Allentown

Eclectic and energetic, Allentown is known for its art, music, and food venues, as well as historic homes. One of Buffalo's best-loved events, the Allentown Art Festival is held each June and Allentown's gallery walk, known as "First Fridays," has grown into a popular monthly event. In addition, Allentown is home to the Theatre of Youth in the historic Allendale Theater, and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.



5 Black Rock/Riverside

Black Rock is located along the Black Rock Canal and was an independent and bustling waterfront town before incorporation with Buffalo in 1853; Riverside is just past Black Rock where the canal meets the Niagara River. These neighborhoods include families who have called it home for generations and newcomers discovering this affordable area's proximity to waterfront bike paths and greenways, including Riverside Park, designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's firm. Niagara Street is experiencing a renaissance of its own with new mixed use building renovations, loft apartments, breweries, and restaurants.

6 Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC)

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a dynamic place to live, work, and play. Home to world-class hospitals, research institutions, and education facilities, the Medical Campus has benefited from Buffalo's entrepreneurial spirit with more than 120 private sector companies located within its boundaries, as well as brand new housing options.

Buffalo Neighborhoods



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S DARWIN D. MARTIN HOUSE COMPLEX, LOCATED IN THE PARKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

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7 Delaware District

The Delaware District centers on Delaware Avenue, with beautiful mansions dating back to the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. At its core is Delaware Park, the centerpiece of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's Buffalo Parks System (he also designed New York City's park system). This area encompasses the city's Museum District with the Burchfield Penney Art Center, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, and the Buffalo History Museum. Other amenities such as Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park, historic and beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery, and the Buffalo Zoo make this a popular area.

8 East Side/Hamlin Park/Humboldt

Hamlin Park, within Buffalo's East Side, is home to Canisius College, and this neighborhood and the surrounding blocks include many historically significant homes and houses of worship, another Olmsted-designed park (Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, known locally as MLK Park, with one of the most popular year-round wading and ice-skating pools), and the Buffalo Museum of Science. With significant investments in surrounding neighborhoods and its easy commute to downtown, the East Side is reemerging with affordable and exciting residential redevelopment and business opportunities.

Allen Street was named after Lewis Falley Allen, who arrived in Buffalo in 1827 with his wife, Margaret Cleveland, the aunt of future Erie County Sheriff/Mayor of Buffalo/Governor of NY/ President of the U.S. Grover Cleveland. After selling parcels of land on Main Street, the Allen's herd of cows could no longer graze. The herd path used to move the cows became Allen Street in 1888.

Discovering Buffalo, One Street at a Time

is a website produced by Angela Keppel, a history enthusiast and urban planner.
Learn more about the history of Buffalo's streets at buffalostreets.com.

9 Elmwood Village

Nearly 200 shopping, arts, dining, and leisure destinations fill the storefronts and make this area a residential and entertainment favorite. Highlighted as one of America's "most livable neighborhoods" by the American Planning Association, EV's beautiful housing, year-round farmers' market, "pocket parks" and parkways, and miles of bike lanes make it easy and fun to live and play here. Within or near this neighborhood — which also borders Delaware Park and the Museum District — are several colleges including Buffalo State College (State University of New York), Medaille College, and Canisius College.

10 Fruit Belt

One of Buffalo's most historic neighborhoods, the Fruit Belt takes its name from the orchards planted by its first settlers. This predominantly residential neighborhood is home to families and professionals, and many who have lived there for generations. Its proximity to the Medical Campus and the Central Business District make it a convenient option.

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11 Larkin District

This vibrant and growing neighborhood, known as Larkinville, is a favorite for people of all ages with restaurants, bars, concerts, and events. It centers on the historic and redeveloped Larkin Terminal Warehouse — now called Larkin@Exchange — and several other large-scale industrial buildings are under renovation as mixed-use and residential properties.

12 North Buffalo

With Hertel Avenue at its heart and Delaware Park and the Buffalo Zoo within an easy walk or bike ride, North Buffalo is a perennial favorite for its wonderful mix of Buffalo restaurant and bar mainstays, as well as a vibrant retail hub with an eclectic mix of antiques, clothing, furniture stores, and ethnic markets. This neighborhood is also home to the historic North Park Theater — a much-loved and gorgeously restored 1920s movie theater.

13 Parkside

On the eastern border of Delaware Park, this beautiful, tree-lined neighborhood was planned as a residential area by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in 1883. Parkside also includes the Buffalo Zoo, the Darwin D. Martin House — one of Frank Lloyd Wright's best examples of Prairie-style architecture — and Nichols School, one of Buffalo's most prestigious private schools.

14 South Buffalo

While South Buffalo's Irish-American roots are proudly reflected in the street signs and pubs here, it's a diverse and bustling neighborhood with two Olmsted Parks: Cazenovia Park and South Park. South Buffalo is also home to Trocaire College, the renowned Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and Tifft Nature Preserve — a popular urban woodlands and wetlands preserve.

15 Waterfront Village

This largely residential waterfront enclave next to Canalside is also home to the Erie Basin Marina's bikeways, walkways and gardens, and the Naval Military Park.

16 The West Side

Buffalo's West Side neighborhood includes the Lower West Side and West Village Historic District areas, and it's one of the largest and most diverse neighborhoods in Buffalo, with a growing number of businesses specializing in ethnic foods, clothing, art, and more. It's also home to historically significant buildings including Kleinhans Music Hall (designed by Eliel and Eero Saarinen) and the emerging Richardson Olmsted Complex. Waterways form its western border, flanked by the Peace Bridge that connects Buffalo to Fort Erie, Ontario in Canada.



FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS
AT LARKIN SQUARE

Erie County Cities & Towns

Amherst

The Town of Amherst includes East Amherst, Williamsville, Eggertsville, Getzville, and Snyder and is the largest suburb of Buffalo. Known as one of the safest towns in America, Amherst neighborhoods are dotted with “main street” shops and restaurants, farmers’ markets, parks, and highly rated school districts, as well as several colleges including Daemen College, Erie Community College, and the University at Buffalo North Campus.

Cheek-tah-wah-guh

(Say it quick)

Cheektowaga

Cheektowaga lies just to the east of the City of Buffalo and is one of the larger suburbs. Two of the region’s busiest destinations — the Buffalo Niagara International Airport and the Walden Galleria — are in Cheektowaga, as is Villa Maria College.

Clarence

Clarence has an award-winning school system and lots of green space with parks, bikeways, and farms (horseback riding is particularly popular here). It’s also home to a huge indoor/outdoor antiques and flea market called Antique World and to the Great Pumpkin Farm — hosting a month-long celebration of harvest season and Halloween.

Colden/Glenwood/Boston

Nestled in the hills south of Buffalo, these beautiful villages are reminiscent of small Vermont towns and form the heart of Erie County ski country. Buffalo Ski Club and Kissing Bridge resorts are located here.

East Aurora

East Aurora is filled with tree-lined streets, enchanting brick and clapboard houses, and a charming village center. It’s also home to Fisher-Price Toys and Elbert Hubbard’s Roycroft Campus, where artisans continue the tradition of crafting handmade home goods and useful objects from wood, metal, and glass in the Arts & Crafts style.

Grand Island

Situated in the Niagara River between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Grand Island is one of the world’s largest freshwater islands. Its amenities include Beaver Island State Park — a waterfront park with golf, bike trails and beaches — as well as Buckhorn Island State Park, an 895-acre nature preserve on the island’s north end. It’s largely residential and recreational, although there are some significant corporate headquarters here, too.

Hamburg

Hamburg is located on Lake Erie south of Buffalo and has a bustling village center, Hilbert College and Woodlawn Beach State Park — one of Western New York’s most popular beaches. In Hamburg, you’ll also find the Penn Dixie site, where curious diggers can find Devonian-era fossils and other archaeological wonders in its shale outcroppings.





VIDLER'S 5 & 10 IN EAST AURORA

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Kenmore and Tonawanda

Kenmore is a first-ring suburb of Buffalo and a village in the Town of Tonawanda. It's home to a vibrant village center, large parks and libraries, and other amenities that give it a great mix of urban and suburban benefits. Tonawanda, with its strong school system and safe neighborhoods, developed around Kenmore and its more recent history is reflected in its post-World War II housing, including some lovely mid-century gems.

Lackawanna

The City of Lackawanna lies south of downtown Buffalo, just over the Skyway. Once home to bustling steel mills, it's now home to the country's first urban wind-turbine farm. Here you'll also find the Small Boat Harbor and Gallagher Beach — a haven for windsurfers and kayakers — as well as urban beaches, parks, marinas, and biking and hiking trails. In winter, it

becomes the area's most popular ice-fishing spot, with hundreds of colorful fishermen's tents dotting the harbor.

Lancaster

Lancaster's mix of village life, suburban amenities, and pastoral charm comfortably co-mingle. Like many of our suburbs, Lancaster has been designated as one of the safest communities in the country and while one of the eastern-most suburbs in Erie County, it's still an easy commute to Buffalo.

Orchard Park

Originally settled by the Quakers, today's Orchard Park residents enjoy great schools, beautiful parks, and lively events all year long. In addition, it's here that you'll find one of the region's most popular venues — Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills.

NT — North Tonawanda, a suburb between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

OP — Orchard Park, a suburb located southeast of Buffalo.



West Seneca

West Seneca, which is actually east of Buffalo, is a large, post-World War II suburban community with a strong school system, safe neighborhoods, and quick proximity to just about anywhere in Western New York.

Niagara County

POPULATION:

213,194 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

523 sq. mi.

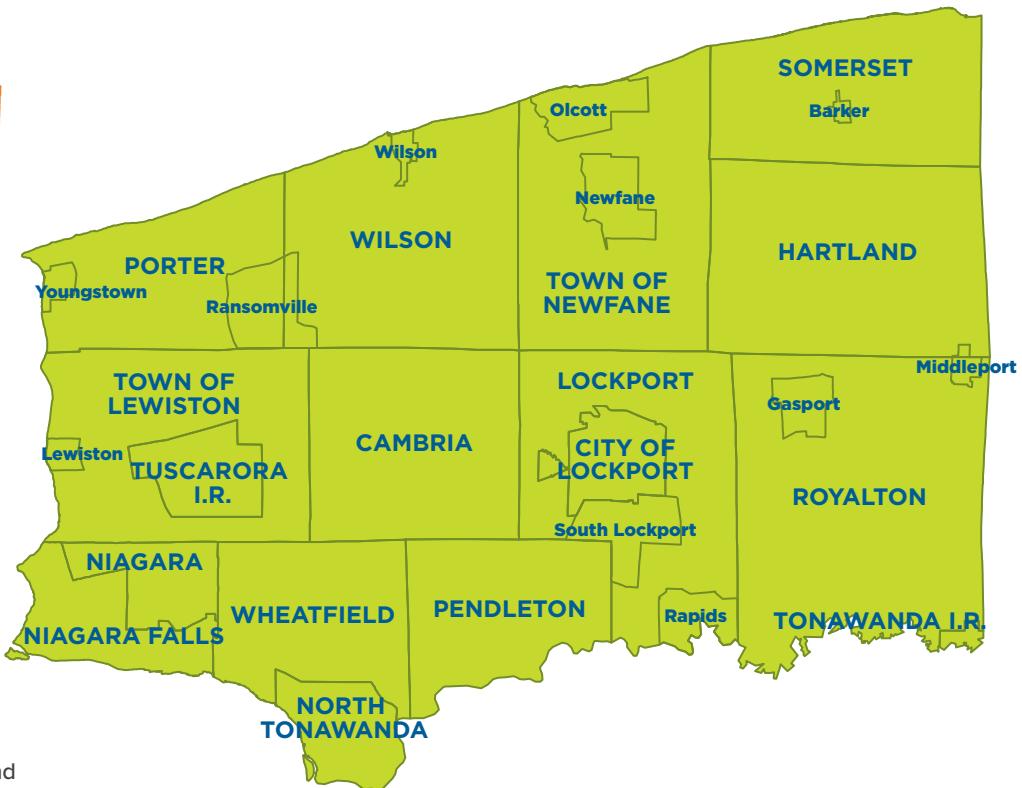
LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Niagara Falls – Population: 51,641

(2015 est.)

Niagara County is home to one of the world's most popular tourist destinations, Niagara Falls, located in the City of Niagara Falls. Love great food and wine? You'll also find thriving farms, vineyards, orchards, cider mills, and wineries (including producers of world-renowned ice wine) along the Niagara Wine Trail. Beautiful towns and villages, miles of biking and hiking trails, outstanding schools, and dozens of arts and cultural destinations are here, too. Historic cities like Lockport grew around the Erie Canal, and this waterway still runs through Lockport's downtown center. Lewiston is a charming and historic village on the Niagara Escarpment, where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. In addition, dozens of other historic sites, public and private higher-education institutions, and one of the longest-running hydroelectric power plants in the country are also here in Niagara County.

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Town of Cambria	716-433-7664	www.townofcambria.com
Town of Hartland	716-735-7179	www.townofhartland.org
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Town of Somerset	716-795-3575	www.somersetny.org
Town of Wheatfield	716-694-6440	www.wheatfield.ny.us
Town of Wilson	716-751-6704	www.wilsonnewyork.com/gov
Village of Wilson	716-751-6764	www.villageofwilson.org
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City of Niagara Falls Neighborhoods

The City of Niagara Falls is in the midst of exciting redevelopment and reinvestment. With its breathtaking beauty, Niagara Falls attracts millions of visitors every year, and the American side boasts some of the most popular attractions for those who want to experience the thrill of the Falls up close. The Cave of the Winds, Maid of the Mist boat tour, Goat Island, and numerous bikeways provide ample opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty here. New York State is investing millions of dollars to upgrade Niagara Falls State Park, too.

The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute is part of Niagara County Community College (NCCC, part of the State University of New York system) and it's at the heart of the city's educational and culinary boom. In addition to providing excellent collegiate-level education, NCCC and Niagara University (NU) are also essential partners in arts, culture, and athletics in Niagara Falls.

Pine Avenue and Main Street are the main business districts with independent shops and restaurants — many that have existed for generations. Small-and-growing areas around Third Street and Buffalo Avenue are also attracting entrepreneurs and restaurateurs. There are many lovely and historic homes around these enclaves, and most are within walking distance to the Niagara Gorge.

In fact, Niagara Falls has several lovely neighborhoods that benefit from the area's natural beauty. On the escarpment, the Deveaux neighborhood has some of the city's grandest older homes. Chilton Avenue – Orchard Parkway is a National Historic District just steps to the breathtaking riverfront gorge. Other waterfront enclaves like Cayuga Island — a small residential island on the edge of the Niagara River — also offer beautiful views and more affordable homes than just about any waterfront area of similar quality.



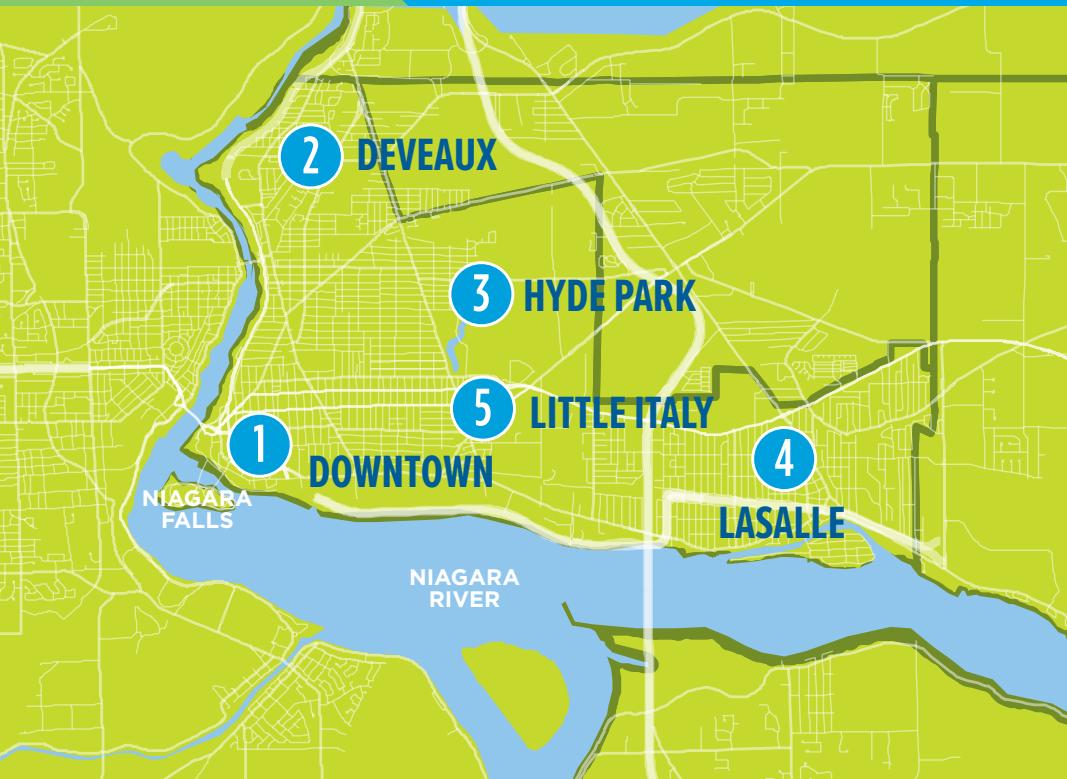
“Thank you for taking the time to look at Niagara Falls. As the geographic center of the mega region stretching from Greater Toronto to New York’s Finger Lakes, our city has it all. Proximity to air, rail, and highway; a welcoming business climate; a world class parks system, good schools and great neighborhoods – everything you would look for whether it is for your business or family is right here in Niagara Falls.

I look forward to meeting you soon!”



Paul Dyster
MAYOR, CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS





DOWNTOWN NIAGARA FALLS

1 Downtown

One of the most popular tourist areas in the world, downtown Niagara Falls is home not only to the iconic series of waterfalls, but also Niagara Falls State Park. Designed by the incomparable landscape artist Frederick Law Olmstead, Niagara Falls State Park — America's Oldest State Park — is packed with some of the most popular attractions for those who want to experience a full Falls experience: The Cave of the Winds (a thrilling walk to the base of the Falls), Maid of the Mist boat tour, Prospect Point observation tower, and Goat Island to name a few. After enjoying the majestic waters, visitors can enjoy entertainment, shopping, and dining both inside and outside of the park's boundaries, including Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino.

2 Deveaux

Tucked in the northwest corner of the city, the Deveaux neighborhood is a quaint and picturesque area that is home to some of the city's oldest and grandest homes. The area is located on the escarpment immediately adjacent to Niagara University. The neighborhood is named after Samuel Deveaux, a large landholder, local judge, and businessman who was heavily involved in the construction of the Whirlpool Suspension Bridge in 1847.

3 Hyde Park

Located along Hyde Park Boulevard in the city, Hyde Park refers to both the municipal park and the surrounding residential areas to the east and west. Dubbed the "Jewel of Niagara Falls," the park provides recreational opportunities in golf, tennis, swimming, ice hockey, bocce, lawn bowling and, perhaps most prominently, baseball. Sal Maglie Stadium, named after the major league pitcher in the '40s and '50s nicknamed "The Barber," is located within the park boundaries.

4 LaSalle

Located along the Niagara River in the southeast portion of the city, LaSalle is a popular residential area with a village feel. In fact, the area was once the Village of LaSalle before it became part of the city of Niagara Falls in 1927. The area is named after Robert de La Salle, a French explorer who competed expeditions on the Great Lakes, Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico. La Salle's famed ship, Le Griffon, was built in the area in 1679.

5 Little Italy

Historically home to a large population of Italian-Americans, the neighborhood of Little Italy is centrally located along Pine Avenue between Hyde Park Boulevard and Portage Road. One of the major commercial areas in the city, Little Italy is home to plenty of retailers and boasts some of the best eateries in Western New York including the original DiCamillo Bakery, Michael's Restaurant, and the Como Restaurant.

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The birth of Niagara Falls can be traced back more than 12,000 years to the end of the last glacial period.

Four of the five Great Lakes

drain into the Niagara River, (Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie) before emptying into Lake Ontario.

During periods of peak flow in the summer and fall, more than

700,000 gallons

of water per second pour over Niagara Falls.

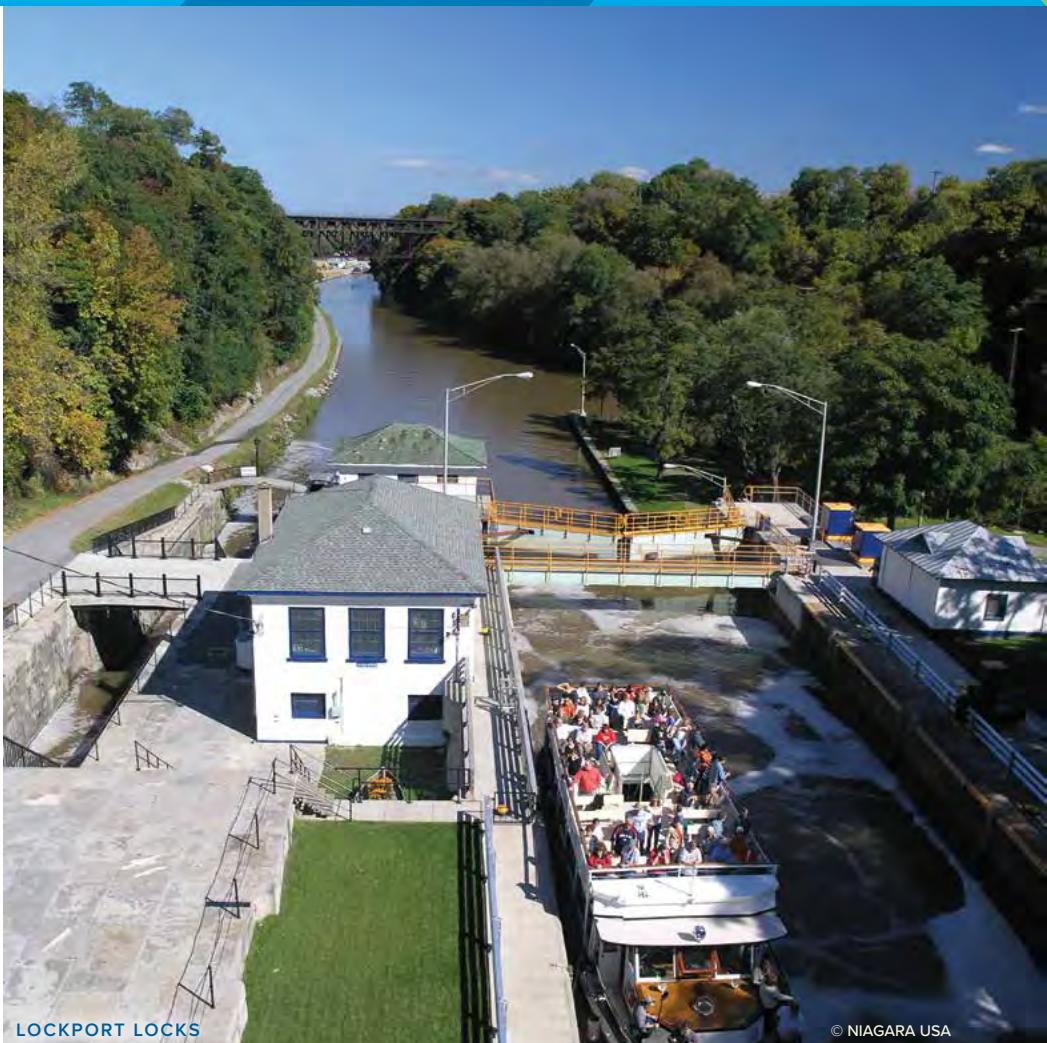
Niagara County Cities & Towns

Lewiston

This gem on the Niagara Gorge, above the Niagara River at the mouth of Lake Ontario, is known for its breathtaking beauty, charming village center, historic homes, and proximity to Niagara Falls (just minutes to the south) and Canada (the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge is one of several international crossings in Buffalo Niagara). It's also a favorite spot for popular venues and events including Artpark, the Lewiston Peach Festival, the Lewiston Jazz Festival, and the Christmas Walk and Home Tour.

Lockport

Lockport (both the city and town) grew along the Erie Canal and its historic downtown still reflects its eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century roots. Lockport's significant arts scene — with several galleries, museums and shops, as well as the multi-cultural Kenan Center — highlights contemporary and historically significant art. It's also the county seat with the county government and court system. As with the rest of Niagara County, Lockport is being rediscovered as a great place to live and play.



Herschell Carousel Factory Museum

This historic carousel factory located in North Tonawanda, was constructed in 1915 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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T-han-ah-wahn-duh

(Say it quick)



North Tonawanda

North Tonawanda is a suburb bordered by the Erie Canal and the Niagara River. As the region's waterways are revitalized for recreational use, "NT" (as locals refer to it) is drawing people from all around the region for its easy proximity to the water (making it an affordable and accessible haven for boaters).

Wilson and Porter

These two Niagara County towns, about 15 minutes apart, are an easy commute from Niagara Falls, Lockport, North Tonawanda, and Buffalo — and they provide some of the loveliest waterfront and sunset views, outstanding water sports (including sailing and power boating), and one of the best bass, trout, and salmon fishing spots in the state. Popular for both year-round residents, as well as summer dwellers, among the other amenities you'll find here are Wilson Harbor with its restaurants, shops and marinas, historic Old Fort Niagara from the War of 1812, and Youngstown (on clear days Toronto, Canada, is visible across the Lake Ontario).



Allegany, Chautauqua & Cattaraugus

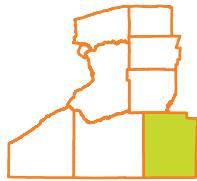
THE SOUTHERN TIER AND ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS

The Southern Tier region is composed of 14 counties, three of which are located in Buffalo Niagara and border Pennsylvania. Like much of our region, there are strong ties to the land and water through agriculture and recreation. Excellent higher education facilities also support the region's growing green-energy development.

Allegany County

POPULATION:

47,484 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

1,030 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Wellsville – Population: 7,065 (2015 est.)

Allegany County is home to Alfred University, Alfred State College, and Houghton College's main campus, providing exciting cultural venues and educational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and interests. With its hilly terrain and abundant farmland, it's a perennially popular destination for cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain-biking, and golfing, and the dozens of freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams that meander here make it a haven for boating and fishing.



Cattaraugus County

POPULATION:

78,427 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

1,130 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

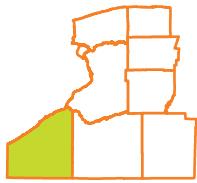
Olean – Population: 14,168 (2015 est.)

Cattaraugus County is known as the "Enchanted Mountains" area and it's the heart of the Southern Tier's ski country. You'll find year-round fun with golf and skiing at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, dubbed "the Aspen of the East." Nearby HoliMont is the largest private ski area in the country, with over 50 miles of trails. In addition, Allegany State Park's 65,000 acres of forests, streams, and trails make it one of the largest in the New York State Park System. You'll also find St. Bonaventure University in nearby Olean. www.enchantedmountains.com

Chautauqua County

POPULATION:

131,824 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

1,062 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Jamestown – Population: 30,642

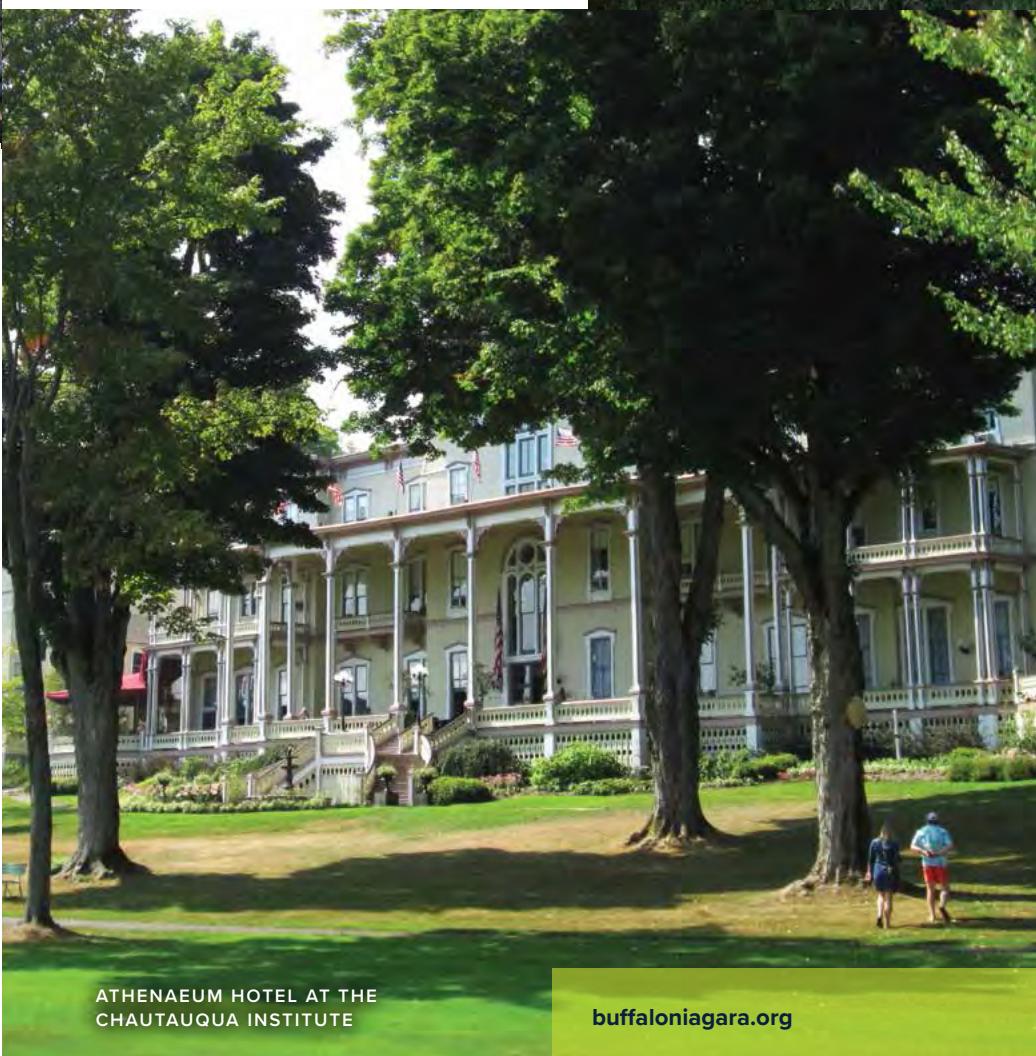
(2015 est.)

Chautauqua County, in southwest Buffalo Niagara, is a perennial favorite of summer visitors to Chautauqua Lake — one of dozens of inland lakes in the Western New York region. The world-renowned Chautauqua Institution — a recreation, education, arts, and philosophy campus on Lake Chautauqua established in 1874 — hosts more than 2,000 events each summer. Distinguished lecturers and teachers include past U.S. presidents and internationally renowned artists and writers.



CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

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ATHENAEUM HOTEL AT THE CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE

buffalonagara.org

In summer, visitors also enjoy miles of beaches along Lake Erie, as well as visits to historic Lily Dale — home of the country's largest spiritualist community along Upper Cassadaga Lake. Another growing attraction is the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum & Center for Comedy in Jamestown — Lucille Ball's hometown. This museum is a destination for top-name talent like Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno.

State University of New York schools Fredonia State College and Jamestown Community College are here in Chautauqua County, providing key synergies for the county's significant investments in environmentally sustainable business development and revitalization in the City of Dunkirk and throughout the county. www.tourchautauqua.com

Genesee, Orleans & Wyoming

ROLLING HILLS AND RIVERS

To the east and south of Erie and Niagara Counties are gorgeous rolling hills with family-owned dairy and produce farms, wineries, historic cider mills and maple-sugar shacks, ski resorts, and hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and snowmobile trails in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

Genesee County

POPULATION:

59,006 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

494 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Batavia – Population: 15,451 (2015 est.)

Centrally located between Buffalo Niagara and Rochester, Genesee County's largest city, Batavia, is undergoing significant revitalization with a focus on dairy and other sustainable agriculture, as well as green energy technologies. The area's natural beauty is preserved through thriving family-owned farms and agricultural cooperatives, and Genesee Community College supports lifelong learning here.

www.visitgeneseeny.com



ANNUAL O-AT-KA FESTIVAL PARADE

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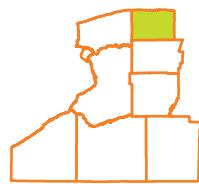
REGATTA ON O-AT-KA CREEK IN LEROY

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Orleans County

POPULATION:

41,810 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

391 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Albion – Population: 8,406 (2015 est.)

Boating, fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and more await in lovely Orleans County, which offers waterways like Lake Ontario, Oak Orchard Marina, and the Erie Canal. With abundant freshwater and sunshine, agriculture is the primary industry and much of the county is dotted with corn, maple, apple, berry, and other produce farms. The charming villages of Albion and Medina offer cafes, galleries, and antique shops.

www.orleanscountytourism.com



Wyoming County

POPULATION:

41,074 (2015 est.)



LAND AREA:

593 sq. mi.

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

Warsaw – Population: 4,922 (2015 est.)

Wyoming County is a year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts with miles of trails and rivers, as well as Letchworth State Park — the “Grand Canyon of the East.” Agriculture is the county’s primary industry and it’s a leader in dairy and maple production. The region’s abundant natural resources also support green-energy technologies, as well as advanced manufacturing and precision agriculture.

www.gowyomingcountyny.com

A photograph of a bright living room. In the center is a large, light-colored sofa with a small white dog sitting on it. To the right is a wooden entertainment center with a television. In the foreground, a large orange leather sofa is partially visible. The room has high ceilings and large windows. A green overlay bar is positioned across the top of the image, containing the text.

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“ The pulse of the city beats stronger each day with non-stop economic development. Living in the heart of the city, we have global cuisine, theatre, markets, and shopping, steps from our home. ”

Whether you’re buying or renting, Buffalo Niagara’s housing costs are lower — and availability is more plentiful — than in many comparable metropolitan areas.

Want the energy of downtown Buffalo at your doorstep? Check out loft-style apartments in converted factories or open-concept waterfront condominiums. You’ll also find clapboard and brick cottages, grand Victorians, ornate mansions, and “doubles” and “triples” — houses with separate apartments on each floor.

Want to walk out your door and stroll through a charming, quaint village? The suburbs offer Arts & Crafts bungalows in East Aurora; historic stone homes near the Niagara Gorge in Lewiston; modest mid-century ranches along the shady streets of Tonawanda; and spacious newer builds in Amherst, Grand Island, and Orchard Park.

Want acres of land and an easy commute? You’ll find rolling pastures to the east of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and the Enchanted Mountains to the south.

If you’re looking to build, our experienced and creative home builders offer design skills to meet your budget and preferences.

Does your relocation include senior family members? Buffalo Niagara has numerous housing options available, from adult apartment complexes offering independent living to full-care facilities, as well as an excellent health care system. You’ll also find many discounts available to events, cultural and educational venues.

Home, Sweet Home

In addition to finding a neighborhood that you love, Buffalo Niagara offers more plentiful and more affordable housing options than many similarly sized metropolitan regions. Within our diverse and dynamic neighborhoods, you'll find styles to suit every taste and budget — including grand Victorians, charming bungalows, light-filled contemporaries, traditional colonials, and simple farmhouses.

PURCHASING A HOME

At about \$135,000, median prices for existing homes in Buffalo Niagara are substantially lower than the national average and they're among the most affordable in the country.

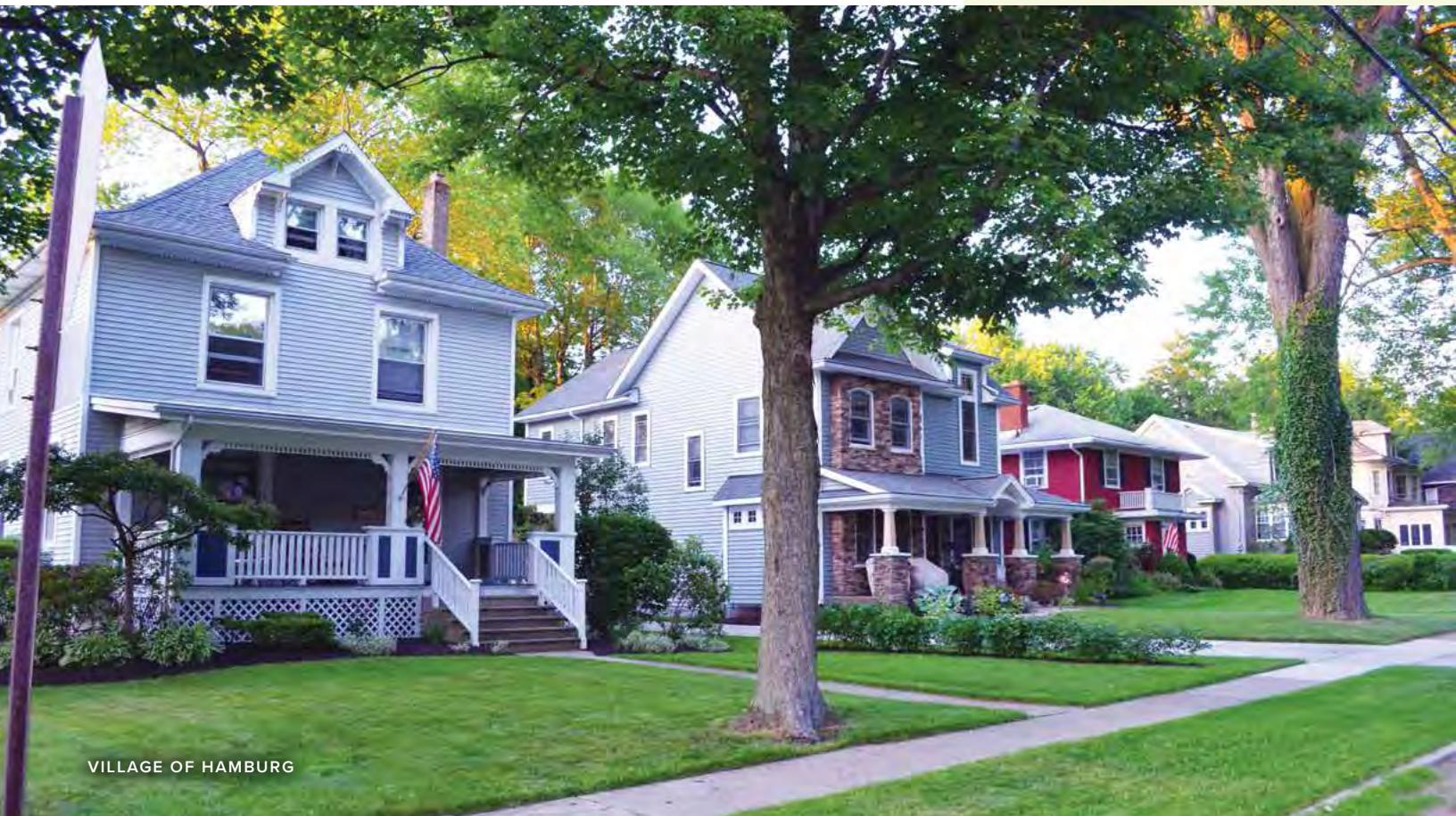
If you're looking to build, Buffalo Niagara's experienced and creative homebuilders can design the home of your dreams. Newly built homes average \$335,000 here, with more amenities than similarly priced new homes elsewhere.

Thinking of buying or selling your home? Contact a REALTOR®, a member of the National Association of REALTORS®. They are your local experts and will take the worry out of the home buying and selling process. When it comes to making your largest investment, use the experts that subscribe to a Code of Ethics and a high level of professional standards.

For a list of local REALTORS® contact the Buffalo Niagara Association of REALTORS® (BNAR) or go online to www.bnar.org. BNAR is one of the largest and oldest trade associations in Western New York. They work locally for the property owners in the Western New York region. The BNAR actively serves over 3,000 real estate professionals by providing a voice in the community and is an important resource center for building a successful career. To view the entire listing inventory with the most up to date data, visit www.2FindYourHome.com.

Helpful links to find a new home

- Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors www.bnar.org
- Buffalo Niagara Homes and Real Estate www.2findyourhome.com
- New York State Association of Realtors www.nysar.com





PAINTED LADIES OF ALLENTOWN

RENTING

Looking to rent for awhile? You'll find something you'll love in Buffalo Niagara.

Buffalo and Niagara Falls neighborhoods offer lofts in renovated factories and warehouses, sleek condominiums with views of Lake Erie and the Niagara River, and apartments with turn-of-the-century details and elegance in historic buildings — all within walking distance to theaters, shops, restaurants, and the subway and bus system. While the most abundant rental housing is in the cities, you can find apartments in the suburbs too. Rents vary widely, from around \$500 to more than \$2,500 a month, depending on size and type of apartment or home you choose, available amenities, and location.

- **HomeFinder/ApartmentFinder:**
www.apartmentfinderextra.com

- **Buffalo Place apartment and rental information:**
www.buffaloplace.com/apartments

WHY RENT IN DOWNTOWN BUFFALO?

126 restaurants



28
food trucks

11 breweries & distilleries

52 retailers

10.8 mi. of bicycle lanes

HOME BUILDERS

Albert V. Randaccio Builder Inc.	716-634-9444	www.randacciobuilder.com
Alliance Homes	716-646-6555	www.alliancehomes.com
Blum Builders Incorporated	716-741-9970	www.juliusblumbuilders.com
CMK Builders Inc.	716-870-6016	www.cmkbuildersinc.com
David Homes Inc.	716-691-6900	www.davidhomes.com
Essex Homes of WNY Inc.	716-635-0550	www.essexhomes.com
Forbes Capretto Homes	716-688-5597	www.forbescapretto.com
Kelkenberg Homes Inc.	716-759-7858	www.kelkenberghomesinc.com
LJ Klein Design & Development	888-300-6296	www.ljklein.com
M.J. Peterson Corp.	716-688-1234	www.mjpeterson.com
Marrano/Marc Equity Corp.	716-675-1200	www.marrano.com
Morgan Homes or W.N.Y. Inc.	716-523-5520	www.morganhomeswny.com
Natale Builders	716-580-3318	www.natalebuilders.com
Richard Bergman Design/Build	716-626-1919	www.heartlandhomesinc.com
Rosal Construction Co. Inc.	716-693-7831	www.rosalhomes.com
Ryan Homes	716-674-4290	www.ryanhomes.com
Thomas Johnson Homes Inc.	716-662-1341	www.thomasjohnsonhomes.com
Twin Lakes Homes Inc.	716-492-1480	www.twinlakeshomes.com
ZAMKRO Development LLC	716-479-0684	www.zamkro.com

MOVING COMPANIES

American Household & Storage	716-881-7000	www.americanhouseholdmoving.com
Cook Moving Systems Inc.	716-828-7144	www.cookmoving.com
Dan's Moving and Storage	716-366-7642	www.dansmovingandstorage.com
Diamond Moving and Storage	716-885-8600	www.diamondmovingandstorage.com
Fisher North American	716-649-2352	www.fisherna.com
Good & Fair Carting & Moving Inc.	716-876-6067	www.goodandfair.net
Herman Movers	716-689-2121	
Lincoln Moving and Storage	716-874-1380	www.lincolnmoving.com
Storage Central	716-855-2200	www.storagecentralbuffalo.com
Zito Movers	716-685-6919	www.zitomovers.com

Senior Living

If your relocation includes senior family members, you'll be glad to know that Buffalo Niagara is a great place for people of all ages. Living in the city or suburban villages offer cultural and recreational activities — as well as access to necessary services such as pharmacies and groceries — for seniors who choose not to drive. A full range of housing options are available, from more than 50 adult apartment complexes with independent living and amenities to full-care facilities for residents with more complex needs. And there are numerous organizations to help seniors and family members navigate issues from nursing and nutrition to health care.

Senior Services of Erie County:
www2.erie.gov/seniorservices

Niagara County Office for the Aging:
www.niagaracounty.com/aging



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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Amberleigh Retirement Community	716-689-4195	www.amberleigh.net
Asbury Pointe	716-810-7500	www.beechwoodcare.org
Blocher Homes	716-810-7400	www.beechwoodcare.org
Bristol Village	716-319-9500	www.bristolhome.org
Brompton Heights Inc.	716-634-5734	www.bromptonheights.com
Canterbury Woods	716-929-5800	www.canterburywoods.org
Eagle Crest Senior Village	716-771-1439	www.eaglecrestsenior.com
ElderWood Assisted Living at Cheektowaga	716-681-8631	www.elderwood.com
ElderWood Assisted Living at Hamburg	716-649-7676	www.elderwood.com
ElderWood Assisted Living at West Seneca	716-677-4242	www.elderwood.com
ElderWood Assisted Living at Wheatfield	716-215-8040	www.elderwood.com
ElderWood Assisted Living at Williamsville	716-565-9663	www.elderwood.com
Fox Run Orchard Park	716-662-5001	www.foxrunorchardpark.com
Fredonia Place	716-679-2250	www.fredoniaplace.com
Heathwood Assisted Living	716-688-0111	www.healthwoodassistedliving.com
Montgomery Park	716-688-7880	www.montgomerypark.net
Orchard Heights Inc.	716-662-0651	www.orchardheights.com
Park Creek Senior Living	716-632-3000	www.park-creek.com
Presbyterian Village at North Church	716-631-3430	www.pscwny.org
Sacred Heart Home	716-759-2644	www.brothersofmercy.com
The GreenFields Continuing Care Community	716-684-8400	www.thegreenfields.org
Vinecroft Retirement Community	716-741-7741	www.vinecroft.org
Weinberg Campus	716-639-3311	www.weinbercampus.org
Woodlands Residential Village	716-693-8439	www.calamar.com/senior
Wynwood Kenmore	716-874-3200	www.brookdale.com

MOVING CHECKLIST

TIPS

FIRST STEPS

- File change of address
- Organize school records
- Forward medical records



FIND MOVERS

- Hire movers or reserve the truck
- If moving yourself, start recruiting friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers well in advance. Offer free breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks

GET MOVING SUPPLIES

- Markers, moving boxes, newsprint, packing peanuts or other cushioning material, packing tape, scissors or utility knife, and garbage bags



START PACKING

- Separate cherished items from the non-essential
- Donate items to charity, give them to friends, prepare them for a yard sale
- Drain fuel from your power mower and other machinery; discard partly used cans of oil, paint, thinner, bleach, or any other substances that may be flammable or combustible, or those stored in containers that may leak

ARRANGE FOR UTILITY TRANSFERS

- Notify current and future utility providers of your move date
- Cable/satellite television, cell phone service, electricity, gas, internet/broadband, local phone service, long distance phone service, propane, recycling pick-up, sewer, security system, trash pick-up, and/or water

MAKE MOVING DAY PREPARATIONS

- Make arrangements for child and/or pet sitting
- Refill prescriptions
- Pack your suitcases
- Unplug electronic appliances 24 hours in advance of a move, except plasma televisions, so that they will be at room temperature on moving day (this includes home computers, stereos, and audio/video equipment)



GET OLD AND NEW PLACES CLEANED

- Mop, pail, ammonia, wash cloths, sponges, paper towels, vacuum cleaner, broom, and dustpan



MOVING DAY PLAN

- Start early
- Take all garbage out of the house
- Make sure drivers have your cell phone number and you have theirs, along with their names
- Perform final checks before leaving current home
- Are the air conditioning, fans, and heat turned off?
- Is the water shut off, including to hoses?
- Are the light switches off?
- Are the keys and garage door openers for current home turned in or left on the kitchen counter?
- Anything left in refrigerator, freezer, stove, drawer under stove, in closets, bathroom, garage, attic, crawlway, or under porch?



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12TH BEST
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FOR MID-SIZED
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NIAGARA UNIVERSITY



Joan Linder – University at Buffalo Associate Professor of Art / Artist

Originally from Buffalo, has also lived in Brooklyn
Currently lives in the Elmwood Village

“ Buffalo is a great place to be an artist. Its thriving visual art scene is home to such gems as Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Hallwalls, CEPA and the UB Art Galleries. There is always wonderful art to see. ”

The region's school districts rank highly, with students consistently scoring above average on national exams such as the SATs and ACTs. In addition, nearly one-in-four students continue on to earn associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

Western New York has ways for students of all ages to begin and continue educational experiences. From outstanding Pre-K and child care programs and nationally recognized public and private schools to 22 colleges and universities (including many branches of the State University of New York system), as well as lifelong learning classes for professional development or personal pursuits, there are unlimited options to help you expand your mind and further your interests.

**CITY HONORS
SCHOOL IS CONSISTENTLY A
TOP-RANKED
HIGH SCHOOL**

- U.S. News & World Report

Western New York's cities and towns have independent school districts and several rank among the top in New York State.



PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MAP#	DISTRICT	CITY	RANK*	WEBSITE
NIAGARA COUNTY				
1	Akron Central	Akron, 14001	-	www.akronschools.org
2	Barker Central	Barker, 14012	20	www.barkercsd.net
3	Lewiston-Porter Central	Youngstown, 14174	10	www.lew-port.com
4	Lockport City	Lockport, 14094	84	www.lockportschools.org
5	Medina Central	Medina, 14203	-	www.medinacsd.org
6	Newfane Central	Burt, 14028	38	www.newfane.wnyric.org
7	Niagara-Wheatfield Central	Niagara Falls, 14304	24	www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us
8	Niagara Falls City	Niagara Falls, 14304	92	www.nfschools.net
9	North Tonawanda City	North Tonawanda, 14120	71	www.ntschools.org
10	Royalton-Hartland Central	Middleport, 14105	79	www.royhart.org
11	Starpoint Central	Lockport, 14094	8	www.starpointcsd.org
12	Wilson Central	Wilson, 14172	22	www.wilson.wnyric.org
ERIE COUNTY				
1	Akron Central	Akron, 14001	12	www.akronschools.org
2	Alden Central	Alden, 14004	21	www.aldenschools.org
3	Amherst Central	Amherst, 14226	7	www.amherstschools.org
4	Buffalo City Schools	Buffalo, 14202	96	www.buffaloschools.org
5	Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	35	www.maryvale.wnyric.org
6	Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14227	56	www.sloanschools.org
7	Cheektowaga Central	Cheektowaga, 14225	87	www.cheektowagacentral.org
8	Clarence Central	Clarence, 14031	3	www.clarenceschools.org
9	Cleveland Hill Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	58	www.clevehill.wnyric.org
10	Depew Union Free	Depew, 14043	33	www.depewschools.org
11	East Aurora Union Free	East Aurora, 14052	1	www.eastauroraschools.org
12	Eden Central	Eden, 14057	27	www.edencsd.org
13	Evans-Brant Central (Lake Shore Central)	Angola, 14006	66	www.lakeshore.wnyric.org
14	Frontier Central	Hamburg, 14075	15	www.frontier.wnyric.org
15	Gowanda Central	Gowanda, 14070	-	www.gowcsd.org
16	Grand Island Central	Grand Island, 14072	13	www.k12.ginet.org
17	Hamburg Central	Hamburg, 14075	11	www.hamburgschools.org
18	Holland Central	Holland, 14080	19	www.holland.wnyric.org
19	Iroquois Central	Elma, 14059	5	www.iroquoiscsd.org
20	Kenmore-Tonawanda Union Free	Kenmore, 14223	48	www.kenton.k12.ny.us
21	Lackawanna City	Lackawanna, 14218	95	www.lackawannaschools.org
22	Lancaster Central	Lancaster, 14086	6	www.lancasterschools.org
23	North Collins Central	North Collins, 14111	26	www.northcollins.com
24	Orchard Park Central	Orchard Park, 14127	4	www.opschools.org
25	Springville-Griffith Institute	Springville, 14141	34	www.springvillegi.org
26	Sweet Home Central	Amherst, 14228	31	www.shs.k12.ny.us
27	Tonawanda City	Tonawanda, 14150	46	www.tonawandacs.org
28	West Seneca Central	West Seneca, 14224	30	www.wscschools.org
29	Williamsville Central	East Amherst, 14051	2	www.williamsvillek12.org
30	Yorkshire-Pioneer Central	Yorkshire, 14173	-	www.pioneerschools.org

*Business First (2015) has rated the academic performances of 97 public school districts in Western New York, based on four years of test data from the New York State Education Department. For the purpose of this guide, this table only displays those districts that fall within Erie & Niagara counties. This is why the numbers are not consecutive, skipping those districts that fall outside this two-country region.



Buffalo Public Schools

- The Buffalo Public Schools system — the largest in the region — serves about 34,000 students through its public, charter, and specialty schools, with a broadly diverse student body that's representative of families from 45 countries who now call Buffalo Niagara home.
- The Buffalo Public School District includes alternative schools such as Bennett Park Montessori, Emerson High School (culinary arts and hospitality industry programs), Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, and City Honors School, which is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country by sources such as Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

Enrollment Requirements

Families must provide the following documents to register new or returning students in Buffalo public schools:

- Two proofs of family residency:
 - NYS driver's / non-driver's license
 - Utility bill
 - Pay stub
 - Notice of Decision Statement from the Erie County Department of Social Services
- Certified birth certificate which includes parent(s) name or I-94 card (including Immigration Family Page)
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Latest report card (grades 1-8), official transcript (grades 9-12), and special education documents, if applicable
- Parent / legal guardian photo identification
- Legal guardianship or custody papers (if the child does not reside with the biological parent)
- Proof of physical examination within the last year (due to school within 30 days)

SAY YES BUFFALO

With a mission of increasing high school graduation and post-secondary education rates for children in the City of Buffalo's public and charter schools, Buffalo is one of few cities in the country to offer a remarkable program — Say Yes to Education — to its graduates.

Say Yes Buffalo offers Buffalo public and charter school graduates tuition and grants to attend college and post-secondary programs at more than 150 colleges and universities, including all colleges in the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems, top-ranked Ivy League schools like Harvard University, Cornell University, and Yale University; and top technological schools like Rochester Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Say Yes Buffalo and its partners also provide other support to students K-12 to help them achieve high school graduation and attain Say Yes Buffalo scholarships and grants, including physical and mental health services, legal services, mentors, and internships.

Say Yes Buffalo is a local partnership that brings together the Buffalo Public School District, the District Parent Coordinating Council, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, the Buffalo Association of Administrators and Supervisors, the City of Buffalo, Erie County, higher education, and Say Yes to Education, Inc., with a diverse group of Buffalo area corporate, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations.



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CHARTER SCHOOLS

Within the Buffalo Niagara region, several charter schools serve students at all grade levels. Each of these schools offers a particular academic, pre-professional, or character-building focus in addition to the standard school curriculum. Charter schools are open to Buffalo Public Schools students. Admission may be dependent on geographic location, lottery, or both.

DISTRICT	GRADE	CITY	WEBSITE
BUFFALO CSD			
Aloma D. Johnson Charter School	K - 4	Buffalo	www.fruitbeltcharter.org
Buffalo Academy of Science	7 - 12	Buffalo	www.bascs.org
Buffalo United Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.buffalounitedcharterschool.org
Community Charter School	K - 6	Buffalo	www.commcharter.org
Elmwood Village Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.elmwoodvillageschool.org
Enterprise Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.enterprisecharter.org
Health Sciences Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	www.healthsciencescharterschool.org
King Center Charter School	K - 6	Buffalo	www.kingcentercharterschool.org
Oracle Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	www.oraclecharterschool.org
Pinnacle Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.pinnaclewny.org
South Buffalo Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.southbuffaloccs.org
Tapestry Charter School	K - 12	Buffalo	www.tapestryschool.org
West Buffalo Charter School	K - 2	Buffalo	www.westbuffalocharter.org
Western New York Maritime Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	www.wnymcs9-12.com
Westminster Community Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	www.westminsterccs.org
KENMORE-TONAWANDA UFSD			
Charter School for Applied Technologies	K - 12	Buffalo	www.csat-k12.org/csat
LACKAWANNA CSD			
Global Concepts Charter School	K - 9	Lackawanna	www.globalccs.org
NIAGARA-WHEATFIELD CSD			
Niagara Charter School	K - 6	Niagara Falls	www.niagaracharter.org

Understanding NYS Educational Assessments

The Office of State Assessment (OSA) is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of the Grade 3-8 tests, Regents Examinations, Regents Competency Tests, Second Language Proficiency Examinations, Alternate Assessments, and English Language Proficiency assessments that comprise the New York State Testing Program (NYSTP). These examinations are administered to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 enrolled in public, nonpublic, and charter schools throughout the state.

The OSA develops and administers tests that are aligned with the New York State Learning Standards and Core Curriculum, and are consistent with state and federal mandates.

TESTS GIVEN:

ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL STUDENTS

- Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Test
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics Tests
- Grades 4 and 8 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Science Tests

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Regents Examinations
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Foreign Languages
- Regents Competency Tests (RCTs)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- English as a Second Language Test (NYSESLAT)
- Language Assessment Battery - Revised (LAB-R)

STUDENTS WITH SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

- New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Private school options around Western New York are plentiful and many serve particular needs or interests. These include Aurora Waldorf in East Aurora, Gow School for children with learning disabilities, New York State School for the Blind in Batavia, and St. Mary's School for the Deaf — a renowned campus serving children and young adults for more than a century.

The City of Buffalo is also home to several diverse private and parochial options, including the acclaimed Nichols School, Nardin Academy, Park School, Canisius High School, and Buffalo Seminary.

Catholic Schools, Diocese of Buffalo

When it comes to education, we know parents have many choices. Families of all faiths who have chosen the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Buffalo have discovered outstanding education, leadership and spiritual guidance for their children — a tradition since 1847.

More than 60 Catholic elementary, middle and high schools are located in Erie and Niagara County. A complete list can be accessed at:

www.wnycatholicschools.org

SCHOOL	GRADES	AFFILIATION	WEBSITE
Amherst Christian Academy	PK - 12	Christian Fundamental	www.amherstchristian.org
New Creation Fellowship Academy	K - 12	Christian Fundamental	www.ncfacademy.org
The Baptist School	PK - 12	Christian, Baptist	www.tbseagles.com
Center Road Christian Academy	K - 12	Christian, Baptist	www.centerroadbaptistchurch.com/academy.html
Old Time Baptist Academy	K - 11	Christian, Baptist	www.oldtimebaptist.com/ministries/academy
West Seneca Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Baptist	www.gowscs.com
Catholic Schools, Diocese of Buffalo (60+ schools, see website)	K - 12	Christian, Catholic	www.wnycatholicschools.org
Christian Academy of Western New York	PK - 12	Christian, Interdenominational	www.cawny.com
Christian Central Academy	K - 12	Christian, Interdenominational, College Prepatory	www.christianca.com
St. Peter Lutheran School, North Ridge	PK - K	Christian, Lutheran	www.stpeternorthridge.org/index.php/preschool
Holy Ghost Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.holyghostlcms.org
St. Matthew Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.stmatthewlutheran.net
St. Peter's Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.discoverstpeters.org/Home.html
Trinity Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.thinktrinitychristian.com
St. John Lutheran School	K - 8	Christian, Lutheran	www.stjohnnt.com
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran School	K - 9	Christian, Lutheran	discoverstpeters.org
New Life Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Pentecostal	nlcupc.com/school
Universal School	PK - 8	Islamic	www.myuniversalschool.org
Darul-Uloom Academy	K - 3	Islamic	www.madania.org
Jewish Heritage Day School of Buffalo	PK - 8	Judaism	www.jbuff.com/education.htm
Kadimah Academy	PK - 8	Judaism	www.kadimah.org
East Aurora Montessori School	PK - K	Montessori	www.eamontessori.com
Gow School	7 - 12	Private, Boarding School, Learning disabilities	www.gow.org
Aurora Waldorf School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	www.aurorawaldorfny.org
Elmwood Franklin School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	www.elmwoodfranklin.org
Park School of Buffalo	PK - 12	Private, Independent, College Prepatory	www.theparkschool.org
Buffalo Seminary	9 - 12	Private, Independent, College Prepatory	www.buffaloseminary.org
Nichols School	5 - 12	Private, Independent, College Prepatory	www.nicholsschool.org
Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy	1 - 8	Seventh Day/Christian	www.buffalosuburban22.adventistschoolconnect.org
League for the Handicapped Center	PK - 2	Special Needs	www.preschoollearningcenter.org
Aspire of Western New York	-	Special Needs	www.aspirewny.org
CHC Learning Center	-	Special Needs	www.chcrainbow.com
New York State School for the Blind	-	Special Needs	www.p12.nysesd.gov
Saint Mary's School for the Deaf	-	Special Needs	www.smsdk12.org
Stanley G. Falk School - Buffalo	-	Special Needs	www.falkschool.com
Summit Educational Resources, Inc.	-	Special Needs	www.summited.org
Gateway-Longview Lynde School	K - 12	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	www.gateway-longview.org
Henrietta G. Lewis Campus School	K - 12	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	www.fosteringgood.org/our-services#education
Baker Hall School	-	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	www.bakervictorieservices.org
Cantalician Center for Learning	-	Special Needs, Catholic	www.cantalician.org

Child Care & After School

Excellent child-care programs — offered through private organizations, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Jewish Community Centers, and more — include educational enrichment, sports clubs, year-long activities, and summer camps to keep kids happy and engaged.

Child Care Resource Network

The Child Care Resource Network is a not-for-profit agency that works with New York State, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, federal agencies, the business community, and private foundations to improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of child care throughout the region. The agency brings together parents, child care providers, community members, businesses, and the government to develop and support accessible and affordable quality early care and education for families and children in Buffalo and Erie County.

www.wnychildren.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Buffalo and Western New York have strong Boys & Girls Clubs affiliates that serve thousands of children every day through after-school and weekend programs focusing on educational enrichment, personal development, health and wellness, and sports and play.

www.bgcbuffalo.org

YMCA Buffalo Niagara

Nationally, the YMCA is the largest provider of child care in the country. Locally, each branch of YMCA Buffalo Niagara provides school age child care year round, serving nearly 2,000 children at over 35 sites.

www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org

Summer Camps

Looking for a summer camp for your child? From short-term sports, arts, educational enrichment, and personal development day camps to traditional longer-term overnight camps, there are dozens of programs offered throughout the summer for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities.

buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com/content/week-week-guide-summer-camps-greater-buffalo-area

TIPS for Choosing Childcare

Once you've narrowed down a list of providers, get details about their license to provide care. Each child care facility's regulatory history of inspections and reports are available online.

Visit the facilities. Go when children are there so you can see how the care giver treats children, what kinds of activities are available, and how problems are handled. Once you place your child in care, stay involved, and keep asking questions.

Look carefully at facilities that have a pool or are near lakes, creeks, and other bodies of water. The caregiver can explain how they ensure the safety of children in and around these bodies of water.

Discuss any concerns with the caregiver. Respect the caregiver's time. Their main responsibility is working with the children. If you need more time to talk about your child, set up a conference.



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Higher Education

More Western New Yorkers earn undergraduate and advanced degrees than ever before — and they're building their futures here, too. In any year, more than 110,000 students enroll in nearly two dozen colleges and universities, studying everything from biomedical engineering and business, to green technologies development, urban planning, and media arts.

The State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest comprehensive university system in the U.S., consisting of 64 institutions, including research universities, academic medical centers, liberal arts colleges, community colleges, colleges of technology, and an online learning network. SUNY educates approximately 463,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs, and nearly two million in workforce and professional development programs.



COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES				
KEY	SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT*	TYPE	
1	Alfred University	2,285	4-year	Private
2A	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Amherst	317	2-year	Private
2B	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Buffalo	600	2-year	Private
2C	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Southtowns	786	2-year	Private
3	Canisius College	3,899	4-year	Private
4	Daemen College	2,766	4-year	Private
5	D'Youville College	2,908	4-year	Private
6A	Erie Community College - City Campus	12,732	2-year	SUNY
6B	Erie Community College - North Campus			
6C	Erie Community College - South Campus			
7	Genesee Community College	6,506	2-year	SUNY
8	Hilbert College	945	4-year	Private
9	Houghton College	1,083	4-year	Private
10	Jamestown Business College	295	2-year	Private
11	Jamestown Community College	4,825	2-year	SUNY
12	Medaille College	2,111	4-year	Private
13	Niagara County Community College	6,115	2-year	SUNY
14	Niagara University	4,127	4-year	Private
15	Saint Bonaventure University	1,991	4-year	Private
16	SUNY at Fredonia	4,841	4-year	SUNY
17	SUNY College at Buffalo	10,329	4-year	SUNY
18	SUNY College of Technology at Alfred	3,698	4-year	SUNY
19	Trocaire College	1,368	2-year	Private
20A	University at Buffalo - North Campus	29,795	4-year	SUNY
20B	University at Buffalo - South Campus			
21	Villa Maria College Buffalo	542	4-year	Private

* There are three WNY locations; two offer only associates or less, last offers bachelors as well.
 ** WNY has other professional/trade schools not included in this total.
 Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS 2015-2016, Spring Collection; September 2016



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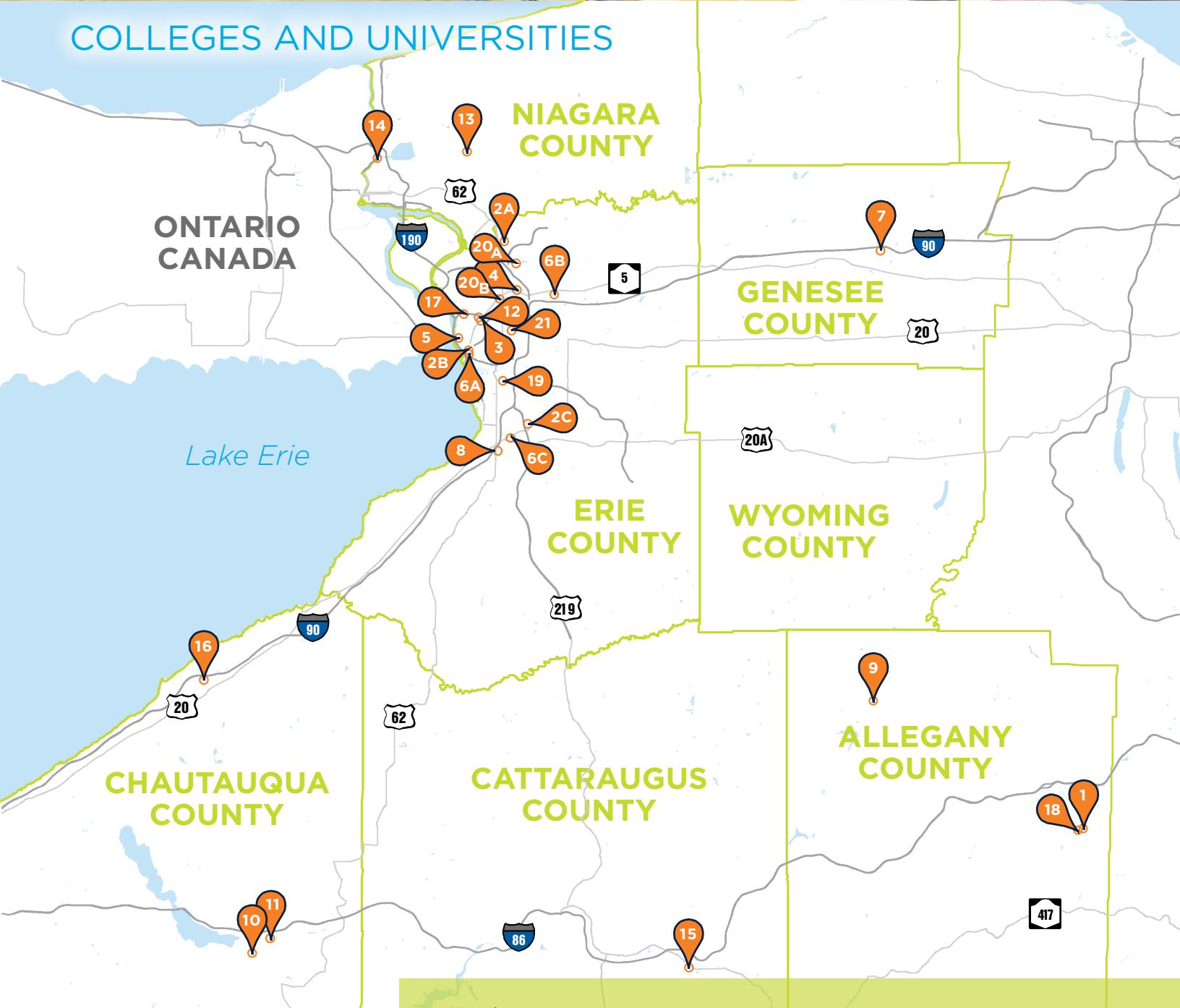
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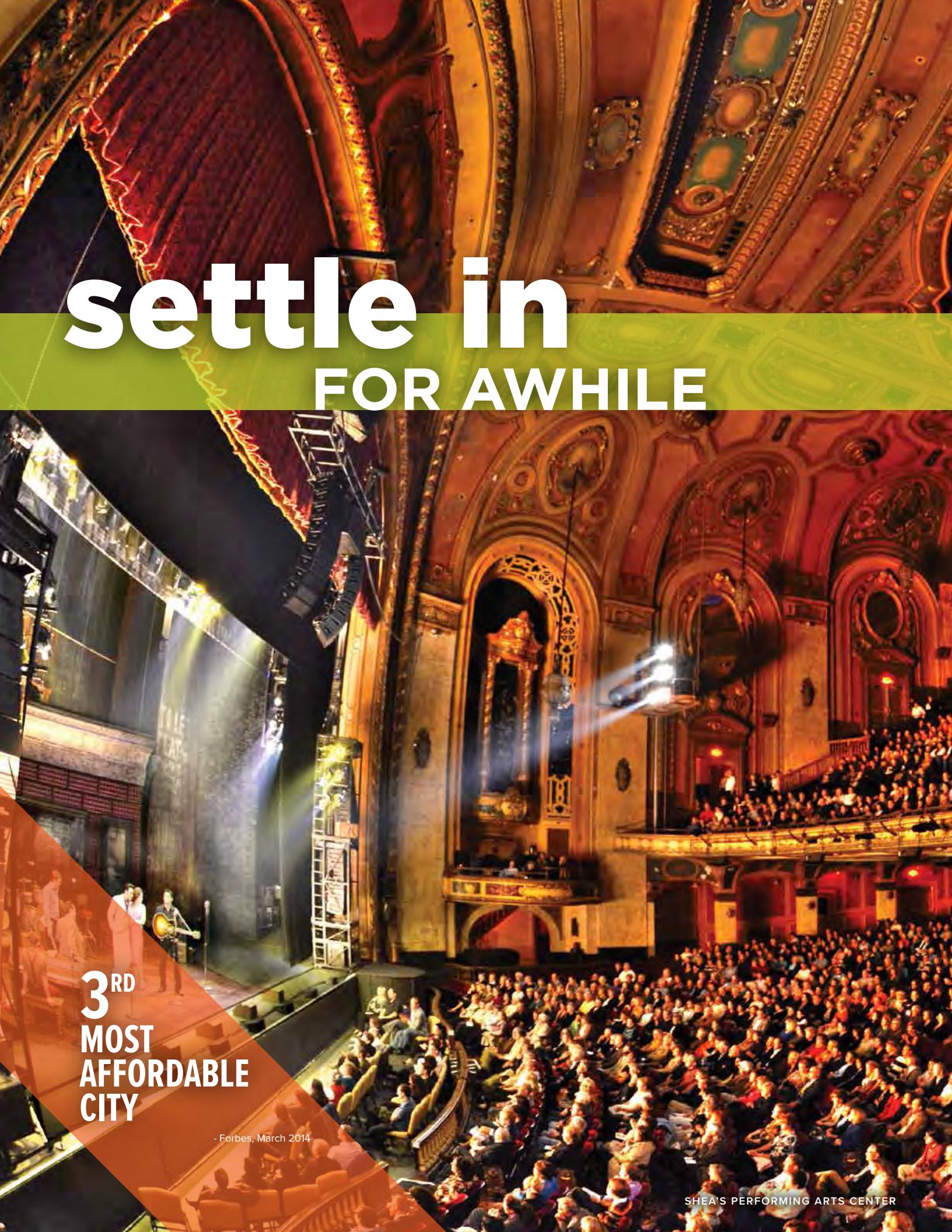
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES





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- Forbes, March 2014

SHEA'S PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTER



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Roscoe Henderson

Buffalo Police Officer; Albright-Knox Art Gallery / Board of Directors

Born in Brooklyn, lives in North Buffalo

“ I love Buffalo for its art! Art influenced my life. Art gave me cherished memories since childhood, friendships and mentors that will last a life time. As a police officer, I've seen bad, but I've witnessed Buffalo's amazingly diverse citizenry who serve our community just by being good Buffalonians. ”

Relocating is exciting — when it's not stressful and busy. Here are many of the resources you need to settle in quickly so you can move on to the fun things.

TIPS for Settling In

- Write down three or four goals to achieve in your new city.
- Continue all your special family celebrations and traditions.
- Share some of your family's recipes and cultural aspects with new acquaintances and neighbors.
- Give everyone in the family manageable moving chores (taking care of practical matters will take the edge off of homesickness).
- Keep a log of new experiences and accomplishments. Join an athletic clubs or special interest group.
- Get involved in community and religious organizations, especially those that sponsor activities, volunteer efforts, and programs for newcomers.
- Learn about the local government, issues, and policies.
- Take one day at a time.

Getting Acquainted

NEW YORK STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires that new residents apply for a driver's license and register vehicles within 30 days of relocation. For information, including what you'll need and fees, visit www.dmv.ny.gov. This website also has information for non-U.S. citizens to determine whether a state license is needed. There are numerous NYSDMV offices throughout the region and appointments are available to ensure a quick and easy visit.

Department of Motor Vehicles | (800) 225-5368 | www.dmv.ny.gov



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PUBLIC SAFETY

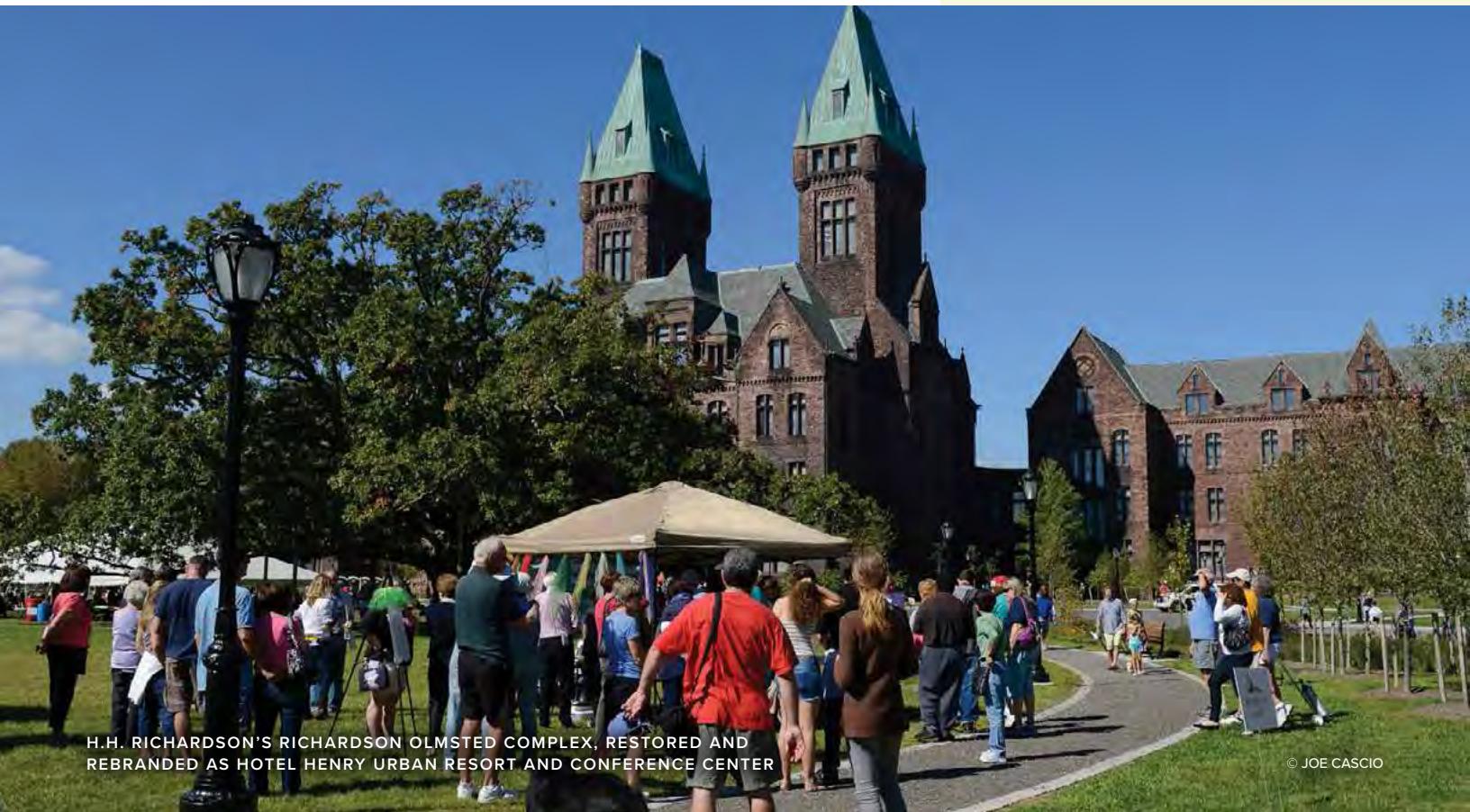
Anywhere in Western New York, dial 911 to reach emergency police, fire, and ambulance/medical assistance. The City of Buffalo has its own police department, fire department and other emergency services, as do some other cities and suburbs. In many cases, the New York State Police (State Troopers) assist with public safety. Assistance is available through:

- **New York State Police**
www.troopers.state.ny.us
- **Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services**
www.dhses.ny.gov
- **Erie County Central Police Services**
www.erie.gov/depts/law/cps/index.asp
- **Emergency Services**
www.erie.gov/depts/community/emergency_fsd.asp
- **Niagara County Emergency Services**
www.niagaracounty.com/fire
- **Niagara County Sheriff's Office**
www.niagarasheriff.com

PET REQUIREMENTS

All dogs over four months old must be registered with a valid license that proves current rabies vaccination. Contact town clerks or city hall for current information. As pet licensing requirements vary by municipality, it's recommended that pet owners contact your local town clerk or city hall to find out the most current information to ensure that you and your pet are in compliance.

- **Erie County SPCA** | (716) 875-7360
- **Niagara County SPCA** | (716) 731-4368

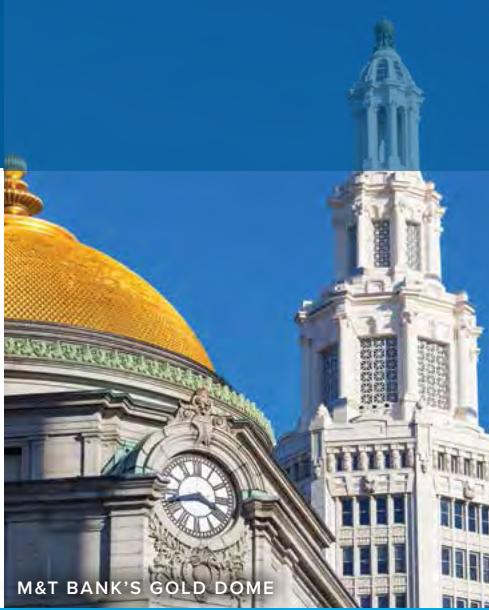


H.H. RICHARDSON'S RICHARDSON OLMS TED COMPLEX, RESTORED AND REBRANDED AS HOTEL HENRY URBAN RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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BANKS

Western New York has many financial institutions, ranging from local credit unions to large, international banks for commercial and personal accounts. Important considerations when choosing include availability of automatic transfer machines (ATMs), fees and interest rates, availability of account bundles (checking and savings, for example), and loans.



Alden State Bank	716-937-3381	www.aldenstate.com
Bank of Akron	716-542-5401	www.bankofakron.com
Bank of America	716-847-7374	www.bankofamerica.com
Bank of Cattaraugus	716-257-3431	www.bankofcattaraugus.com
Bank of Holland	716-537-2264	www.bankofhollandny.com
Cattaraugus County Bank	716-938-9128	www.ccblv.com
Citizens Bank	716-855-2532	www.citizensbank.com
Community Bank NA	716-372-0110	www.communitybankna.com
Evans Bank NA	716-926-3313	www.evansbank.com
First Citizens Community Bank	585-593-7290	www.firstcitizensbank.com
First Niagara Bank NA	800-421-0004	www.firstniagara.com
Five Star Bank	877-226-5578	www.five-star.com
KeyBank NA	800-539-2968	www.key.com
Lake Shore Savings Bank	716-366-4070	www.lakeshoresavings.com
M&T Bank	800-724-2440	www.mtb.com
Medina Savings & Loan	716-798-2801	www.medinasl.com
Northwest Savings Bank	877-672-5678	www.northwestsavingsbank.com
Steuben Trust Co.	607-324-5010	www.steubentrust.com
Tompkins Bank of Castile	585-345-0122	www.bankofcastile.com
Wilmington Trust NA	716-848-7772	www.wilmingtontrust.com
Woodforest Bank	716-649-8172	www.woodforest.com

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is handled through county boards of elections. You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and have been registered at your new address for at least 25 days prior to election (please visit the website, www.elections.ny.gov for more information). You may be able to register through the Department of Motor Vehicles when you update your driver's license and registration in New York State.



UTILITIES

If you're buying a home, you'll likely need electric, gas, and water. If you're renting an apartment, ask your landlord which utilities are included and what you're responsible for. And don't forget phone and internet service.

Electricity

National Grid

(800) 642-4272

www1.nationalgridus.com

New York State Electric & Gas Co. (NYSEG)

(800) 572-1111

www.nyseg.com

Gas

National Fuel

(716) 686-6123

www.natfuel.com

Internet & Telephone

AT&T

(800) 205-6268

www.att.com

Time Warner

(716) 558-TWC1

www.timewarnercable.com

Verizon

(800) 837-4966

www.verizon.com

Cable Television

Time Warner Cable

(866) 461-9843

www.timewarnercable.com

Verizon FIOS TV

(800) 837-4966

www.verizon.com

Satellite Television

DirectTV

(800) 595-4101

www.dishnetwork.com

Dish Network

(800) 823-4929

www.dishnetwork.com

Media Resources

LIBRARIES

You'll find a library in nearly every town center in WNY. The largest system, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system (BECPL), includes the Central Library in downtown Buffalo and more than 35 branch libraries throughout Erie County. There's much more than books, magazines, and electronic media at our libraries — they're community centers for education, entertainment, and public forums. There's no cost to get a library card (identification is required to obtain one, so bring valid ID with you) and one card is good at all libraries in the BECPL system.

Other Western New York counties also have library systems (in some cases, they may share resources, as with the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System). In addition, nearly all of our college and university libraries are open for your use as research resources (lending privileges may be limited, however, so please ask).



BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES www.buffalolib.org

Ewell Free Library	Alden	716-937-7082
Audubon Branch	Amherst	716-689-4922
Clearfield Branch	Amherst, Williamsville	716-688-4955
Eggertsville-Snyder Branch	Amherst, Snyder	716-839-0700
Williamsville Branch	Amherst, Williamsville	716-632-6176
Angola Public Library	Angola	716-549-1271
Aurora Town Public Library	East Aurora	716-652-4440
Boston Free Library	Boston	716-941-3516
Central Library	Buffalo	716-858-8900
Anna Reinstein Memorial Library	Cheektowaga	716-892-8089
Julia Boyer Reinstein Library	Cheektowaga	716-668-4991
Clarence Public Library	Clarence	716-741-2650
Collins Public Library	Collins	716-532-5129
Concord Public Library	Springville	716-592-7742
Crane Branch	Buffalo	716-883-6651
Dudley Branch	Buffalo	716-823-1854
East Clinton Branch	Buffalo	716-823-5626
East Delavan Branch	Buffalo	716-896-4433
Eden Library	Eden	716-992-4028
Elma Public Library	Elma	716-652-2719
Grand Island Memorial Library	Grand Island	716-773-7124
Hamburg Public Library	Hamburg	716-649-4415
Lake Shore Public Library	Hamburg	716-627-3017
Lackawanna Public Library	Lackawanna	716-823-0630
Lancaster Public Library	Lancaster	716-683-1120
Marilla Free Library	Marilla	716-652-7449
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch	Buffalo	716-883-4418
Newstead Public Library	Akron	716-542-2327
Niagara Branch	Buffalo	716-882-1537
North Collins Public Library	North Collins	716-337-3211
North Park Branch	Buffalo	716-875-3748
Orchard Park Public Library	Orchard Park	716-662-9851
Riverside Branch	Buffalo	716-875-0562
City of Tonawanda Public Library	Tonawanda, City	716-693-5043
Kenilworth Branch Library	Tonawanda, Town	716-834-7657
Kenmore Branch Library	Tonawanda, Kenmore	716-873-2842
West Seneca Public Library	West Seneca	716-674-2928

NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Barker Public Library	Barker	www.barkerfreelibrary.com	716-795-3344
Lewiston Public Library	Lewiston	www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org	716-754-4720
Lockport Public Library	Lockport	www.lockportlibrary.org	716-433-5935
Royalton Hartland Community Library	Middleport	www.royhartcommunitylibrary.com	716-735-3281
Newfane Public Library	Newfane	www.newfanelibrary.org/newfane	716-778-9344
Niagara Falls Public Library - Central Branch	Niagara Falls	www.niagarafallspubliclib.org	716-286-4894
Niagara Falls Public Library - LaSalle Branch	Niagara Falls	www.niagarafallspubliclib.org	716-283-8309
North Tonawanda Public Library	North Tonawanda	www.ntlibrary.org	716-693-4132
Ransomville Free Library	Ransomville	www.ransomvillelibrary.org	716-791-4073
Sanborn-Pekin Free Library	Sanborn	www.niogalibrary.org/san.html	716-731-9933
Wilson Free Library	Wilson	www.niogalibrary.org/wil.html	716-751-6070
Youngstown Free Library	Youngstown	www.youngstownfreelibrary.org	716-745-3555

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Amherst	Getzville	716-625-6300	www.bryantstratton.edu
Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Buffalo	Buffalo	716-884-9120	www.bryantstratton.edu
Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Southtowns	Orchard Park	716-677-9500	www.bryantstratton.edu
Buffalo State College - EH Butler Library	Buffalo	716-878-6300	library.buffalostate.edu
Canisius College - Andrew L. Bouwhuis Library	Buffalo	716-888-8412	library.canisius.edu
D'Youville College - Montante Family Library	Buffalo	716-829-8000	library.dyc.edu
Daemen College - Marian Library	Amherst	716-839-8243	libguides.daemen.edu/Library
Erie Community College - City Campus	Buffalo	716-851-1074	www.ecc.edu/library
Erie Community College - North Campus	Williamsville	716-851-1273	www.ecc.edu/library
Erie Community College - South Campus	Orchard Park	716-851-1772	www.ecc.edu/library
Hilbert College - McGrath Library	Hamburg	716-649-7900	www.hilbert.edu/academics/mcgrath-library
ITT Technical Institute	Getzville	716-689-2200	library.itt-tech.edu
Medaille College	Buffalo	716-880-2283	libraries.medaille.edu
Niagara County Community College - Henrietta G. Lewis Library	Sanborn	716-614-6786	libguides.niagaracc.suny.edu/welcome
Niagara University	Niagara University	716-286-8000	library.niagara.edu
St. Bonaventure University - Friedsiam Memorial	St. Bonaventure	716-375-2164	www.sbu.edu/library
Trocaire College - Rachel R. Savarino Library	Buffalo	716-827-2434	library.trocaire.edu/Index.html
University at Buffalo	Buffalo	716-645-2965	library.buffalo.edu/



Porsha Coaxum - WBFO News Program Host

Originally from Rochester

Local faves: Elmwood Village, Juneteenth festival, and Sun Restaurant

“ Buffalo has placed its stamp on my heart. The shopping, great food, social events, and festivals have always drawn me to the Queen City. ”

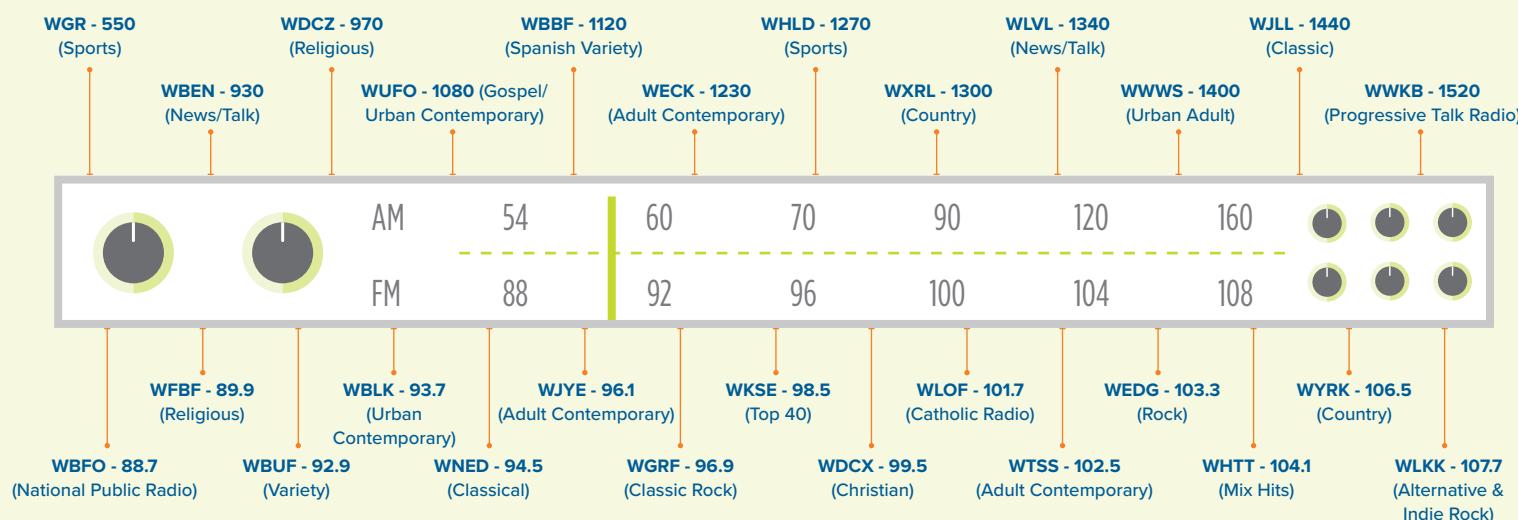
RADIO & TV

Sure, you have cable television and satellite radio — but when you want local information, here are the radio and television stations you need.

AM/FM Radio

Broadcast TV channels

- **WGRZ** – NBC Affiliate Channel 2
- **WIVB** – CBS Affiliate Channel 4
- **WKBW** – ABC Affiliate Channel 7
- **WUTV** – FOX Affiliate Channel 29
- **WNED** – PBS Affiliate Channel 17



Cost of Living Comparison

Want to know how living in Buffalo Niagara compares to other cities, in terms of how far your paycheck will go? An individual would need to make "x" (the salary listed in the right column) in the corresponding metro region, to have the same standard of living making **\$60,000 in Buffalo Niagara**.

METRO AREA	SALARY	METRO AREA	SALARY
New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	\$146,950	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	\$65,912
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	\$110,850	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	\$62,551
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	\$92,863	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	\$62,240
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	\$90,684	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	\$60,746
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$90,560	Jacksonville, FL	\$60,560
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	\$89,564	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	\$60,373
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	\$78,858	BUFFALO NIAGARA, NY	\$60,000
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	\$77,178	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	\$59,813
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	\$76,618	Albuquerque, NM	\$59,502
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	\$73,755	Richmond, VA	\$59,502
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	\$73,692	Austin-Round Rock, TX	\$59,439
Baltimore-Towson, MD	\$71,514	Pittsburgh, PA	\$59,253
Denver-Aurora, CO	\$68,589	Kansas City, MO-KS	\$58,319

Source: Council for Community & Economic Research; Cost of Living Index

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BUFFALO TURKEY TROT

An annual 8K (4.97 miles) footrace held on Thanksgiving Day, the Turkey Trot is a fundraiser for the YMCA and is the oldest continually running public footrace in North America, established in 1896. Over 14,000 people participate in the Turkey Trot; many wearing unusual costumes such as turkey suits, hockey uniforms with mullets, Chewbacca outfits, or formal wedding wear.





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Buffalo: a city that smells like **CHEERIOS**

The sweet scent of freshly baked Cheerios frequently wafts through air anywhere within a few miles of General Mills in downtown Buffalo.

SPONGE CANDY

A chocolate candy with an airy, crunchy, caramelized sugar center.

SHARK GIRL

A public art sculpture at Canalside, "Shark Girl" is the absurdly unique creation of artist Casey Riordan Millard. A popular spot for selfies, follow her @sharkgirlbflo.





celebrate ALL SEASONS

**205
SUNNY
DAYS
AVERAGE PER YEAR**

- Weatherbase.com, 2015

CANALSIDE



Autumn Lewandowski – Meteorologist, WKBW-TV

Once lived in Georgia, now calls West Seneca home
Shown here at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park

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“ It was wonderful to move away and experience another part of the country, its culture and various weather patterns, but Buffalo is home. I love seeing the sunset over Lake Erie, the landscape of wine country, the rolling hills of farmland, and the revitalization of Buffalo. I can’t imagine not being here to see it transform! And who doesn’t love lake effect snow? ”

We love our weather. We really do. And why not?

In Buffalo Niagara, the ever-changing seasons ensure that there's always something to look forward to, from long and sunny summer days and beautiful evenings — both of which are kept comfortable by cooling breezes off the Great Lakes — to beautiful winter days with fresh snow for downhill and cross-country skiing.

**4TH SAFEST
CITY FROM
NATURAL
DISASTERS**

- Trulia 2013

Come Rain or Shine

Whatever the season, dress for the weather and you'll be comfortable while out enjoying the fun and beauty that our wonderful climate provides.

WE LOVE OUR SNOW SPRING FLOWERS BEACH DAYS & SWEATER WEATHER

WINTER

Sometimes it comes late, sometimes early, but when winter comes to Buffalo Niagara, put on your hats, gloves, coats, and boots, and grab your skis, ice skates, sleds, snowmobiles, snowshoes, and ice-fishing gear. If it can be done outside in winter, we'll do it. We love winter in Buffalo Niagara, and you will too.

What's "lake-effect" snow?

In early or late winter, there's little or no ice on the Great Lakes and colder air moves over the comparatively warmer water. The cold air picks up the moisture, which becomes snow, and it usually falls back to land in ski country, exactly where we want it. Sometimes, lake-effect snow is accompanied by lightning and thunder, a phenomenon known as "thundersnow." And like everything about Buffalo Niagara's weather, it's pretty wonderful, too.



SPRING

In spring, it's not long before winter snow gives way to warm sunshine and flowers. People are out and about too — biking, hiking, white-water rafting, fishing, and playing. As the days grow milder and longer, street fairs, outdoor concerts, and farmers' markets begin. Weather varies from cool (even an occasional light snowfall) and rainy, to warm and sunny — sometimes all in the same day. That's spring in Buffalo Niagara.

Alyssa Williams — Graphic Designer, Invest Buffalo Niagara

SUMMER

There's no better summer than a Western New York summer. The days are sunny and long and the evenings are captivating — and both are just about always spent outside. The waterways are packed with swimmers, sailors, jet skis, power boats, and kayakers, while the surrounding forests are filled with campers, hikers, and mountain-bikers. Daytime temperatures are in the 80s and evenings are comfortably in the mid-60s, with breathtaking sunsets over the lakes, and an occasional midnight rainfall or thunderstorm that keeps our foliage green and lush.

Buffalo has the sunniest and driest summers of any major city in the Northeast

- National Weather Service



ANNUAL AVERAGES

TEMP.

48.3° F

(9° C)

SUNSHINE

48%

HUMIDITY

71.3%



WIND SPEED

10.4 mph

ANNUAL MEAN

SNOWFALL

94.7"

(241 cm)



RAINFALL

40.5"

(103 cm)



JANUARY

JULY

24.9° F

(-3.9° C)

71.1° F

(21.7° C)

LOW TEMP.

18.5° F

(-7.5° C)

62.3° F

(16.8° C)

SNOWFALL / RAIN

25.3"

(64.3 cm)

3.2"

(8.1 cm)

ELEVATION 705'

Source: Weatherbase.com

F A L L

After summer's heat, Buffalo Niagara welcomes fall's cooler days and evenings — with daytime temps in the 50s-70s and evenings cooling to the 40s-50s (the secret behind our region's breathtaking foliage and amazing apples). Weekends are spent enjoying harvest celebrations and, because the waterways are still warm, sailing, fishing, and even swimming before the first frosty nights.



• Greg Williams — Ph.D. Candidate, University at Buffalo, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



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Four Seasons of Attractions

Although there are far too many to list, here are some event highlights by season:

WINTER

Labatt Blue Pond Hockey Tournament

Buffalo is home to Labatt Blue USA and, in just a handful of years, this winter favorite has expanded to include teams from all over the country and Canada and is now hosted at RiverWorks, an amazing urban reuse of our historic grain silos as a large-scale sports, entertainment, and craft-brewery complex.

Ski Clubs and Winter Sports

Holiday Valley, Holimont, Kissing Bridge, Buffalo Ski Club, and Peak 'n Peek offer up ideal conditions, affordable ticket prices and endless days and nights of downhill skiing; other areas offer cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tubing, sledding, and ice skating.

First Night New Year's Eve Celebration

A favorite way to ring in the New Year, this ball drop and party — complete with fireworks and bands — is free, family-friendly, and always fun.

HARBORCENTER Winterfest

A celebration at and around HARBORCENTER — a sports and entertainment complex in the heart of Buffalo — that attracts thousands for ice skating, ice sculptures, games, carriage rides, and more.

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DYNGUS DAY

Historically a Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of Lent, the joy of Easter, and spring's arrival. Buffalo is home to the country's largest celebration, which always falls on the Monday after Easter. Put on your polka shoes and get ready for kielbasa, butter lambs, water guns, and pussy willow.



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WINTER AT CANALSIDE

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SPRING

St. Patrick's Day Parades

City of Buffalo, City of Niagara Falls, and Old First Ward are the most popular.

Maple Syrup Weekend

When sugar shacks are open to the public and serve everything from pancakes to maple candy.

Buffalo Small Press Book Fair

Here you'll find paper-goods artisans from around the country sharing their works, including books and booklets, posters, embossed stationery and more.

Easter Parades

Many are held all across Western New York.

4TH BEST CITY
TO CELEBRATE
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY

- Niche, 2015

S U M M E R

Allentown Art Festival/Allentown West

Every summer, more than half-a-million visitors flock to this multifaceted arts festival that takes place over two days in early June.

Juneteenth Festival

This celebration of Buffalo's African American heritage brings thousands of visitors to MLK, Jr. Park for a weekend of fantastic food, music, crafts, and dance.

Taste of Buffalo One of the largest food festivals of its kind in the country, this is a great way to try signature foods from dozens of local restaurants and food trucks.

Garden Walk Buffalo The largest free public garden walk in the country, this incredible event enables hundreds of thousands of visitors to view hundreds of private gardens throughout the City of Buffalo.

Burmese Water Festival

This beautiful and fun celebration of the Burmese New Year is one of Buffalo Niagara's newest festivals, organized by our region's growing core of Burmese immigrants.

Tonawanda Canal Fest

As the Erie Canal has experienced revitalization, so has this week-long event, which attracts thousands of people.

Erie County Fair The third-largest county fair in America — and one of the longest running — "The Fair" is one of the most popular and fun family-centered events in the region.

Elmwood Festival of the Arts

Showcasing local artists, this much-loved event includes visual and performing arts, porch parties, music, special events, and programs for kids, and much more.

National Buffalo Wing Festival

Every Labor Day weekend, tens of thousands converge on Buffalo to celebrate one of America's favorite bar and game day foods. The festival features 40 tons and 100 varieties of chicken wings.

Harvest Festivals, including Eden Corn Fest & Lewiston Peach Festival

With our region's diverse and plentiful agricultural heritage, there are reasons to celebrate throughout the summer, beginning with June's strawberry festivals.

Artpark A picturesque New York State Park, high atop the Niagara River Gorge, offers a full spectrum of engaging entertainment; from productions of Broadway musicals and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performances in the Mainstage Theater to concerts in the newly renovated Outdoor Amphitheater. Created especially with the family in mind, Artpark also offers art, theater, and rock camps for youth, and a variety of weekend family programs. The park also includes numerous hiking trails, nature sites, fishing docks, and picnic areas.



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PRIDE WEEK

This week long celebration expresses the region's support of our LGTBQ community. Over 30,000 people join in a number of events that make up the week including the Pride Festival, parade, 5K, and more.



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F A L L

Oktoberfest Weekend in Ellicottville

Head to the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County and the Village of Ellicottville for one of the most popular fall music and arts festivals in the region.

The Great Pumpkin Farm/Pumpkinville/ Great American Pumpkin Festival/

Oinktoberfest These events are favorites for kids of all ages celebrating everything from Halloween favorites to barbecue contests.

Niagara Wine Trail

Great to visit all year, the Niagara Wine Trail really comes alive in the fall, when harvesting is completed and it's time to uncork the previous years' vintages.



DELAWARE PARK

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**#6 BEST
QUALITY
OF LIFE**

- The Huffington Post , August 2014

CANALSIDE



Ryan McNamee - Full Stack Developer

Originally from Canada; now lives in Allentown

Find Ryan around Buffalo DJ-ing as *Camaican Sensation*

“ I love the outdoors of Western New York. Excellent fishing year round, parallel to none. State Parks and National Forests in every direction to camp, hike, bike, kayak. Outdoor ice rinks for skating and ice hockey are all over the place. We have a huge variety of restaurants for any palette; with more opening every month. Buffalo is awesome, and that is why I live here. ”

From swimming as the summer sun sets, ice skating under the winter stars, visiting world-class galleries, enjoying concerts or plays, taking in professional sports, or playing tennis in our parks, we've perfected quality of life in Buffalo Niagara.

You'll always find great ways to spend your free time whether you're exploring solo, with the kids and grandparents, or simply hanging out with friends. Because everything's easy to get to and more affordable than elsewhere, there's no reason not to check out Buffalo Niagara's ever-changing array of things to do.

As the region's primary travel and tourism organizations, **Visit Buffalo Niagara** and **Niagara USA** are terrific resources for residents and visitors alike about events and attractions taking place throughout the year in Buffalo Niagara. They also have excellent information on restaurants, places to stay, and much more.



www.visitbuffaloniagara.com



www.niagarafallsusa.com

Arts & Culture

With world-renowned art museums — including the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Burchfield Penney Art Center, and the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University — and more than 100 visual and performing arts centers and galleries, it's no wonder that Buffalo Niagara is recognized as an arts and cultural destination. If art's not your thing, give the parties, performances and special events at these venues a try — you'll meet interesting people in amazing places. With more than 20 producing companies, Buffalo's theatrical community is anchored by the magnificent Shea's Performing Arts Center in the heart of downtown's Theatre District. Buffalo is also one of the only cities its size to have a full orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic.

While you're out and about, don't miss the Buffalo Zoo, the Museum of Science, and the History Museum. The region is also home to specialty museums like the Kazoo Factory and Museum in Eden and the Herschell Carousel Factory Museum in North Tonawanda.

Business Name	Telephone	Website
African American Cultural Center Inc.	(716) 884-2013	www.aaccbuffalo.org
Albright-Knox Art Gallery	(716) 882-8700	www.albrightknox.org
Buffalo Niagara Heritage village	(716) 689-1440	www.bnvh.org
Aquarium of Niagara	(716) 285-3575	www.aquariumofniagara.org
Aurora History Museum	(716) 652-7944	www.aurorahistoricalsociety.com
Benjamin and Dr. Edgar R. Cofeld Judaic Museum	(716) 836-6565	www.tbz.org
Benjamin Long Homestead	(716) 694-7406	www.tonawandashistory.org/benjamin-long-homestead.html
Boston Historical Museum	(716) 941-5015	www.townofboston.com/historical_info.html
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	(716) 827-1584	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo History Museum	(716) 873-9644	www.buffalohistory.org
Buffalo and Erie County Naval Military Park	(716) 847-1773	www.buffalonavalpark.org
Buffalo Arts Studio	(716) 833-4450	www.buffaloartsstudio.org
Buffalo Fire Historical Society Museum	(716) 892-8400	www.bfhsmuseum.com
Buffalo Motorcycle Museum	(716) 832-7159	buffaloharley.com/Dealer-Info/Museum
Buffalo Museum of Science and Kellogg Observatory	(716) 896-5200	www.sciencebuff.org
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	(716) 838-1249	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Society of Artists		www.buffalosocietyofartists.com
Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum	(716) 853-0084	www.pierce-arrow.com
Buffalo Zoo	(716) 837-3900	www.buffalozoo.org





BUFFALO THEATRE DISTRICT

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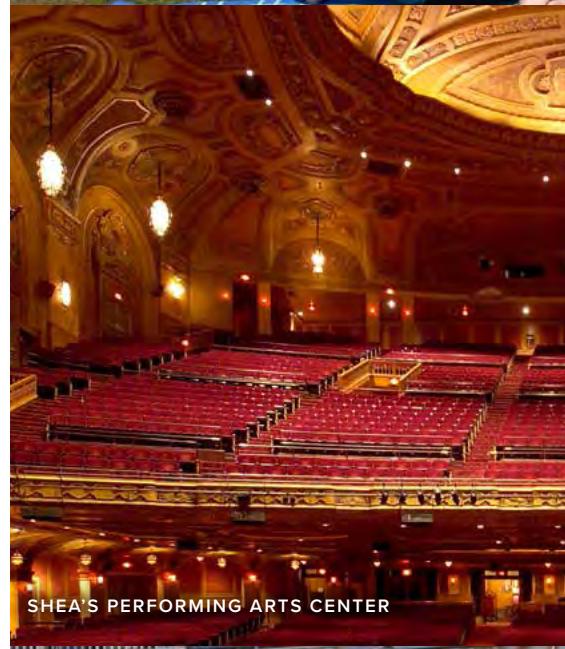
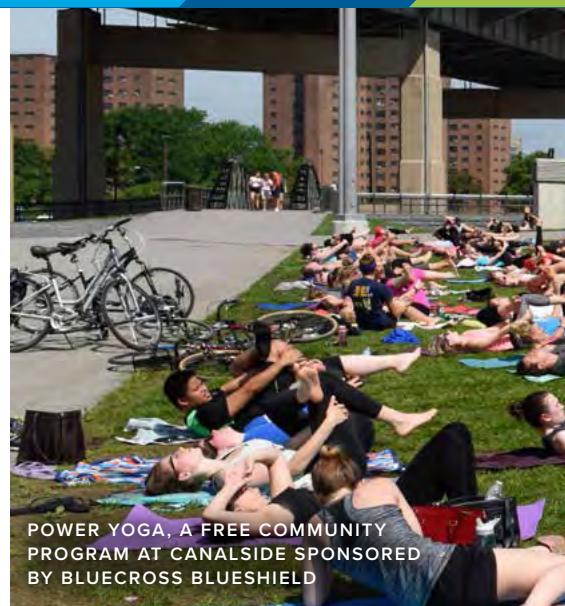
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AND KELLOGG OBSERVATORY

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Burchfield Penney Art Center	(716) 878-6011	www.burchfieldpenney.org
Cambria Historical Museum	(716) 433-0387	www.townofcambria.com/historian.asp
Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University	(716) 286-8200	www.castellaniartmuseum.org
CEPA Gallery	(716) 856-2717	www.cepagallery.org
Charles E. Burchfield Nature & Art Center	(716) 677-4843	www.burchfieldnac.org
Cheektowaga Historical Museum	(716) 684-6544	www.cheektowagahistory.org
Clarence Historical Museum	(716) 759-8575	www.clarencehistory.com
Colored Musicians Club Of Buffalo	(716) 855-9383	www.coloredmusiciansclub.org
Kenan Center	(716) 433-2617	www.kenancenter.org
Darwin D. Martin House Complex	(716) 856-3858	www.darwinmartinhouse.org
Das Haus - German Heritage Museum	(716) 795-2890	www.dashausmuseum.org
El Museo Francisco Oller Y Diego Rivera	(716) 464-4692	www.elmuseobuffalo.org
Elbert Hubbard Roycroft Library and Museum	(716) 652-4735	www.roycroft.com
Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises	(716) 433-6155	www.lockportlocks.com
Evans Historical Museum- Town of	(716) 549-6139	www.evanshistorical.org
Explore & More...A Children's Museum	(716) 655-5131	www.exploreandmore.org
Gowanda Historical Museum	(716) 532-4064	www.gowandaahs.org
Graycliff Conservancy Inc.	(716) 947-9217	www.graycliffestate.org
Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center	(716) 854-1694	www.hallwalls.org
Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum	(716) 693-1885	www.carrouselmuseum.org
Historical Society of the Tonawandas Museum	(716) 694-7406	www.tonawandashistory.org
Impact Artists Gallery	(716) 835-6817	www.impactartist.wordpress.com
Iron Island Museum	(716) 892-3084	www.ironislandmuseum.com

Arts & Culture CONTINUED

Native American Museum of Art		www.nativeamericanmuseumart.com
Just Buffalo Literary Center	(716) 832-5400	www.justbuffalo.org
Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum	(716) 885-4139	www.rain.org/~karpeles/buffrm.html
Kazoo Factory and Museum	(716) 992-3960	www.edenkazoo.com/index.php
Lancaster Opera House	(716) 683-1776	www.lancopera.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	(716) 852-3300	www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org
Langston Hughes Institute	(716) 881-3266	
Lewiston Council on the Arts	(716) 754-0166	www.artcouncil.org
Lewiston Historical Museum	(716) 754-4214	www.historiclewiston.org/museum.html
Marilla Historical Society Museum	(716) 652-2436	www.townofmarilla.com/historian.php
Mark Twain Room	(716) 858-8900	www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/mark-twain-room
Millard and Abigail Fillmore House Museum	(716) 652-4735	www.aurorahistoricalsociety.com/pages/millard-fillmore-presidential-site
Motherland Connexions	(716) 282-1028	www.motherlandconnexions.com
Mudpies Children's Museum	(716) 854-7437	
Murphy Orchards	(716) 778-7926	www.murphyorchards.com
National Railway Historical Society - Niagara Front		www.nfcnhrs.com
Neto Hatinakwe Onkwehonwe	(716) 603-4546	www.netobuffalo.org
Niagara Aerospace Museum	(716) 297-1324	www.wnyaerospace.org
Niagara Arts and Cultural Center	(716) 282-7530	www.thenacc.org
Niagara County Historical Society	(716) 434-7433	www.niagaracounty.org
Niagara Gorge Discovery Center	(716) 278-1070	www.niagarafallsstatepark.com/Activities_DiscoveryCenter.aspx
Niagara Power Project Visitors Center	(716) 286-6661	www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm
Niagara School No. 2 Museum	(716) 297-6601	
North Tonawanda History Museum	(716) 213-0554	www.nthistorymuseum.org
Old Fort Niagara	(716) 745-7611	www.oldfortniagara.org
Orchard Park Historical Museum	(716) 662-2185	www.facebook.com/Orchard-Park-Historical-Society-209596670149/
Penn Dixie Paleontological & Outdoor Education Center	(716) 627-4560	www.penndixie.org
Porter Historical Museum	(716) 745-1271	www.niagaracounty.org/town_of_porter_tour.htm
Ransomville Historical Museum	(716) 791-4073	
Rich-Twinn Octagon House	(716) 542-7022	www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org
Rocrocft Inn	(716) 652-5552	www.roycroftinn.com
Steel Plant and Local History Museum	(716) 821-9361	www.steelpmuseum.org/index.html
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site- Wilcox Mansion	(716) 884-0095	www.trsite.org
Carnegie Art Center	(716) 694-4400	www.carnegieartcenter.org
University at Buffalo Anderson Gallery	(716) 829-3754	www.ubartgalleries.org
University at Buffalo Art Gallery	(716) 645-6913	www.ubartgalleries.org
Pop Warner Museum	(716) 592-0094	www.townofconcordnyhistoricalsociety.org
West Seneca Historical Society Museum	(716) 674-4283	www.westseneca.net
Williamsville Historical Society and Museum	(716) 626-4406	meetingminutes.village.williamsville.ny.us/Historical_Society.aspx
Wilson Historical Society and Museum	(716) 751-9650	www.wilsonnewyork.com





MUSIC & DANCE

Folkloric Productions Dance Co., Inc	(716) 876-6291	www.folkloric.org
Amherst Symphony Orchestra	(716) 633-4606	www.facebook.com/AmherstNYSymphony
Artpark and Company	(716) 754-4375	www.artpark.net
Buffalo Chamber Music Society	(716) 462-4939	www.bflochambermusic.org
Buffalo City Ballet	(716) 833-1243	www.buffalocityballet.org
Buffalo Contemporary Dance	(716) 884-2154	
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra	(716) 885-5000	www.bpo.org
Colored Musicians Club of Buffalo	(716) 855-9383	www.coloredmusiciansclub.org
Greater Niagara Ballet Company	(716) 609-0375	www.greaterniagaraballetcompany.org
Neglia Ballet Artists	(716) 447-0401	www.negliaballet.org
OperaBuffs of Western New York Inc.	(716) 632-6210	www.facebook.com/Operabuffofwny.org
Pick of the Crop Dance	(716) 934-0515	www.poc.org

THEATRE

710 Main Street Theatre	(716) 847-0850	www.sheas.org/710main
Alleyway Theatre	(716) 852-2600	www.alleyway.com
Buffalo United Artists	(716) 886-9239	www.buffalobua.org
Irish Classical Theatre Company	(716) 853-4282	www.irishclassicaltheatre.com
Kavinoky Theatre at D'Youville College	(716) 829-7668	www.kavinokytheatre.com
Musical Fare Theatre Company	(716) 839-8540	www.musicalfare.com
New Phoenix Theater	(716) 853-1334	www.newphoenixtheatre.org
O'Connell & Company in Residence at ECC – North Campus	(716) 848-0800	www.oconnellandcompany.com
Riviera Theatre	(716) 692-2413	www.rivieratheatre.org
Shakespeare in Delaware Park	(716) 856-4533	www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org
Shaw Festival Theatre	(800) 511-7429	www.shawfest.com
Shea's Performing Arts Center	(716) 847-1410	www.sheas.org
Springville Center for the Arts	(716) 592 9038	www.springvillearts.org
Theatre of Youth	(716) 884-4400	www.theatreofyouth.org
Ujima Theatre Company Inc.	(716) 883-0380	www.theatreallianceofbuffalo.com/theatres/ujima-company
University at Buffalo Center for the Arts	(716) 645-6259	www.ubcfa.org

Sports & Play

From the **Buffalo Bills** (National Football League), **Buffalo Sabres** (National Hockey League), and **Buffalo Beauts** (National Women's Hockey League), to the **Buffalo Bandits** (National Lacrosse) and **Buffalo Bisons** (AAA-baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays), our dedicated fans pack the arenas and stadiums. In addition, Womens and Mens collegiate teams from the University at Buffalo, St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University, and Canisius College are among the local competitors in football, basketball, and hockey that keep sports enthusiasts rooting along all year.

FOOTBALL HOCKEY BASEBALL LACROSSE

BILLS: buffalobills.com

SABRES: sabres.nhl.com

BEAUTS: nwhl.co/teams/buffalo-beauts

BISONS: buffalo.bisons.milb.com

BANDITS: bandits.com



THE BUFFALO BEAUTS IS ONE OF THE FOUR CHARTER FRANCHISES OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (NWHL). © BUFFALO BEAUTS

Prefer playing sports to watching them? There are countless community and school-based leagues with everything from softball to swimming to soccer, and from baseball to badminton to beach volleyball. So whether your interests (or your kids') include rowing or riding (bikes, dirt bikes, horses, snowmobiles), you'll find it all here in Western New York.

THE NFL'S #1 TAILGATING CITY

— Yahoo, September 2015

THE BUFFALO BILLS PLAY THEIR HOME GAMES AT NEW ERA FIELD IN ORCHARD PARK.

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Shopping



Shop often and well in the diverse, independent and locally owned shops around

1 Elmwood Village, **2 Hertel Avenue**, and **3 Allentown** in the City of Buffalo. Here you'll find terrific fashion, home décor shops, antiques, toys, bookstores, and more, as well as banks, grocery and hardware stores, post offices. Venture to **4 Downtown Buffalo**, and discover the revival of Main Street, the shops at HARBORCENTER and more. Splurge on jewelry to letterpress greeting cards, and everything in between.

Many towns — including **5 Lewiston**, **6 Williamsville** and **7 East Aurora** — also offer wonderful village centers with outstanding specialty shops, galleries, restaurants, and farmers' markets.

Malls in Western New York attract both local and distant customers (particularly our Canadian neighbors). The **8 Walden Galleria** in Cheektowaga is the largest mall, with more than 200 department stores, specialty shops, and restaurants. The **9 Boulevard Mall**, **10 McKinley Mall**, and **11 Eastern Hills Mall** have many of your anchor stores and are conveniently located within the suburbs. The **12 Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA** is a great place to find deeply discounted merchandise including designer fashions, high-end gifts, shoes, bags, and home goods.



Wining & Dining

Elegant five-star restaurants, eclectic food trucks, and hometown favorites happily coexist in Buffalo Niagara, and new craft breweries and distilleries are found throughout the region. Western New York is also home to numerous vineyards and wineries along both the Niagara Wine Trail and Lake Erie Wine Trail. You'll be amazed by the diversity of products from cider to pinot noir.

Once you've found your favorite chicken wings or as we locals call them — wings (note, Buffalonians NEVER call them "Buffalo wings"), try other regional favorites like beef on weck (thinly sliced roast beef on kimmelweck rolls — caraway seed-and-kosher salt-topped hard rolls) and char-broiled hots (hot dogs grilled over coal). You can then sample the many incredible restaurants that offer foods for every taste. You'll find outstanding ethnic restaurants from Burmese and Ethiopian to Korean and Polish, with a growing number of vegetarian, vegan, and all-organic eateries. We love our Italian food and pizza, and you'll find these restaurants — take-out and sit-down — in just about every neighborhood in Western New York.

As with everything about Buffalo Niagara, the best way to find your new favorites is to get out and try them — most of our restaurants are quite affordable. There are far too many restaurants to list here and new ones are opening nearly every day. To get you started, here are some helpful websites with local restaurant listings and reviews:

Visit Buffalo Niagara restaurant listings: visitbuffaloniagara.com/eat-drink

Buffalo Spree Restaurant Guide: buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Where-to-Eat

Zomato: www.zomato.com/buffalo

SUPERMARKETS

In Buffalo Niagara, you'll find lots of great delis and markets with fresh locally grown produce. Be sure to explore your neighborhood to find your favorite. Here are a few of the top grocery markets in the region:

Dash's Market | www.dashsmarket.com

Lexington Cooperative Market
www.lexington.coop

Tops | www.topsmarkets.com

Trader Joe's | www.traderjoes.com

Wegmans | www.wegmans.com

World's 3rd Greatest FOOD CITY

- National Geographic, 2015



TASTY LOCAL TREATS

BEEF ON WECK A roast beef sandwich on a salty kimmelweck roll with horseradish, considered a local delicacy.

CHIAVETTA'S Barbecued chicken, popular at lawn fetes and just about any other outdoor gathering, named for the catering company that provides the barbecue (and their signature vinegar-based marinade).

FISH FRY A breaded or beer-battered fish, traditionally served in most WNY restaurants on Friday, as an alternative to meats and a reflection of the area's strong Catholic heritage.

PIEROGI A Polish dumpling-esque dish traditionally filled with potatoes, cheese, onions, meat, or a mix of these. Can be boiled or fried.

TED'S A local fast food chain that cooks Sahlen's hot dogs and hamburgers over open charcoal grills.

TEXAS HOTS A style of hot dog known for its hot, spicy sauce. Texas hots originated in the kitchens of Buffalo's many Greek restaurants, not in Texas.

WINGS Chicken wings, originally served at Frank and Teresa's Anchor Bar. Often served with carrots, celery sticks, and blue cheese dip.

BLUE Labatt's Blue, Buffalo is the beer company's U.S. headquarters.

LOGANBERRY A sweet, deep purple and un-carbonated fruit drink made from loganberry juice.

TIMMY'S / TIMMY-HO Shortened name for the regional coffee and donut chain, Tim Horton's. Possibly one of Canada's greatest gifts to America, along with hockey.

POP You may call it soda, but in Western New York, this is the word for any flavored carbonated beverage or soft drink.



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Harry Zemsky - Owner, Hydraulic Hearth (located in the historic Larkin District, with shuffleboard courts, a beer garden, and Community Beer Works drafts.)

Buffalo native, lives in Allentown

“ I love the livability, the people, and the feeling of constantly being connected to ‘what’s going on.’ It is easy to meet like-minded people, get involved, and feel a sense of place. ”



OUTSIDE DINING AT KUNI'S AND VERA IN ELMWOOD VILLAGE

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Our Great Outdoors

PARKS AND GREENWAYS

In 1868, Frederick Law Olmsted — then and now considered America's preeminent landscape designer — and his partner, Calvert Vaux, created a system of parks and parkways in the City of Buffalo that are deeply loved and enjoyed by thousands of people every day.

Inland Olmsted parks include:

Delaware Park: Delaware Park is the largest in Buffalo's Olmsted Parks System. It offers a running/biking loop; basketball courts, tennis courts, multiple sport fields for soccer and baseball, an urban 18-hole golf course, Hoyt Lake, walking and biking pathways, and expansive meadows and wooded areas. The park is also home to the Buffalo Zoological Gardens, the Marcy Casino, and Parkside Lodge for parties, and numerous annual events like Shakespeare in the Park — the country's second largest free outdoor Shakespeare festival that runs for several weeks every summer.

Cazenovia Park: One of two Olmsted parks in South Buffalo, beautiful "Caz" has some of the oldest stands of trees in the City of Buffalo. It offers a golf course, splash pad, indoor pool, running and biking loops, and many green spaces — as well as Cazenovia Creek.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park: Home to a popular water feature that offers a splash pad during summer months, ice skating in winter, and a reflecting pond in-between. It's also home to athletic fields, tennis courts, picnic pavilions, and broad green spaces. The Juneteenth Festival is a popular summer event here, and the much-loved Buffalo Museum of Science borders this park.

South Park: Connected to Cazenovia Park, this park is known for its rolling green spaces and winding walking paths, as well as another of our urban golf courses. Originally designed as an arboretum, South Park is known for its broad variety of trees — more than 200 species with more added each year — and it also serves as home to the breathtaking Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens.

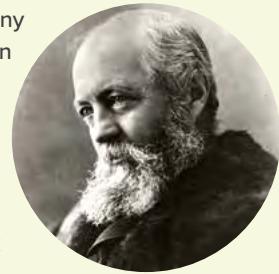
Waterfront Olmsted parks:

Front Park: You'll find this park just inside the U.S. border from Canada and the Peace Bridge, near the water's edge. Once the most visited of the Olmsted parks, recent restoration and revitalization of this international gateway has restored many of its gardens and green spaces and is becoming a popular spot for families to relax and play.

Riverside Park: Although this park is more compact than the other Olmsted parks, it's packed with things to enjoy, from walking paths to ice-skating and swimming. Facing the Niagara River and Canada, it also offers beautiful sunsets and easy access to the waterside section of the Niagara River Greenway Trail — a network of biking/walking/running trails between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

In addition to the Olmsted System, there are countless neighborhood parks with sports fields, golf, running and biking trails, tennis, and more that also host plays, concerts, and outdoor films, while nearly 100 community gardens brighten city neighborhoods. New York State parks are found throughout the region — notably, Allegany State Park, Niagara Reservation, and Letchworth State Park — and dozens of other New York State and county-maintained recreation areas, beaches, and forests, all available for public enjoyment.

Frederick Law Olmsted (April 26, 1822 – August 28, 1903) was an American landscape architect, journalist, social critic, and public administrator. He is popularly considered to be the father of American landscape architecture. Olmsted was famous for co-designing many well-known urban parks with his senior partner Calvert Vaux, including Prospect Park and Central Park in New York City.



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MLK, JR. PARK SPLASH PAD

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SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK, FREE PERFORMANCES TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS FROM MID-JUNE TO THE THIRD WEEK OF AUGUST.

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WATERFRONTS AND WATERWAYS

Buffalo Niagara's waterways are more than just beautiful — they're a lot of fun, too. The region is surrounded to the west and north by Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the Niagara River. Our rural areas are bisected by the Erie Canal, the Genesee River, Chautauqua Lake, and dozens of smaller inland lakes, creeks, and streams.

The most popular public beaches for swimming and sunbathing are Woodlawn (Hamburg), Beaver Island State Park (Grand Island), and Evangola State Park (Evans/Angola). Sailboarders and kayakers flock to the launch site at Gallagher Beach — a cool post-industrial place to spend a sunny afternoon. Boats and paddleboards glide past rejuvenated grain silos and shipyards to the lakes and rivers. Year-round, the region is a haven for fishing and is one of the best spots in the country to catch bass.

Want to be near the water without going in? Enjoy events or just hang out at Canalside in downtown Buffalo or have dinner and drinks at the Wilson Boat Harbor in Niagara County. Niagara Falls, Lewiston, and points in-between offer great venues for hiking, biking, and taking in the majestic scenery along the Niagara Gorge. Take a walk on Bird Island Pier (accessed from the foot of Ferry Park) or picnic at LaSalle Park, where Lake Erie meets the Niagara River. Sail on Chautauqua, Cuba, or Silver Lake or bike along the Erie Canal. Whichever way you like to enjoy the water, you'll find it here.

Artpark | www.artpark.net

Canalside | www.canalsidebuffalo.com

Fort Niagara | www.oldfortniagara.org

Niagara Falls State Park | www.niagarafallsstatepark.com

Woodlawn Beach State Park | www.facebook.com/woodlawnbeach.statepark



KAYAKING AT CANALSIDE

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Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls State Park is home to over 400 acres of lush landscape and wildlife, the beautiful Falls themselves, and many famous attractions.

Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Niagara Falls State Park offers a breathtaking view of one of nature's marvels as it was intended to be seen.

First discovered in 1678, by French explorer Father Louis Hennepin, Niagara Falls was one of America's first icons, luring explorers, daredevils, and visitors.

World-class attractions such as the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds, offer the eight million visitors each year an opportunity to feel, see, and experience the rush of Niagara's waters. Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the United States and is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

NIAGARA FALLS, U.S.A. ATTRACTIONS

Cave of the Winds

Go face-to-face with the pounding waters of Niagara Falls and get soaked on the Hurricane Deck just feet from the waters.

Goat Island

Enjoy nature while gaining access to Cave of the Winds, Top of the Falls Restaurant, Three Sisters Islands, Terrapin Point, Luna Island, and the Niagara Rapids.

Maid of the Mist Boat Tour

Experience the world famous scenic boat tour of the American and Canadian Falls.

Niagara Falls State Park

Visitors Center

Information Center, ticketing, gift shop, food, and home to the Niagara Adventure Theater. Footpaths lead from the center to every area of the Park and the Niagara Scenic Trolley departs from near the center.

Niagara Scenic Trolley

Take a three mile trolley ride through the park that stops at several locations. A history of the park is provided.

Observation Tower

View both the American and Horseshoe Falls at the same time from the Observation Tower's deck that extends over the Niagara Gorge.

Three Sisters Islands

Walk over three historic bridges that link Goat Island to the Three Sisters Islands to get a unique view of the upper rapids as the water races for the Falls.

Top of the Falls Restaurant

Enjoy American and regional favorites while overlooking the Horseshoe Falls.



Visiting Canada

Enjoy Canada's beaches or visit Toronto, just a 90-mile drive. It's also easy to get to Montreal, Ottawa, and Algonquin Park.

Remember, you're traveling across an international border and proof of citizenship is required. Identification requirements at international border crossings became more stringent with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative in 2009. Lack of proper identification can cause travel delays or denial of crossing or re-entry.

Acceptable forms of identification include U.S.-issued passports, an enhanced driver's license, enhanced non-driver identification card, or a Nexus card (issued by the Canadian government for U.S. and Canadian citizens). Please note that basic driver's licenses or birth certificates are not considered proper identification for adults at



Maid of the Mist

CANADA



61% OF CANADA'S POPULATION LIVES WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE OF THE U.S. BORDER.

international crossings. Also, every person in your vehicle must have appropriate identification. This is also the case if you're traveling by bus, airplane, or train to or from Canada. For detailed information on acceptable forms of ID, please visit the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol website at www.cbp.gov.

Other important considerations include purchasing items to bring home (including shopping at the Duty Free shops at the international crossings), as some items may require you to pay duty or may be banned at international crossings (such as some food and plant materials). When asked by the customs officials, it is important to declare any purchases made while visiting.

If bringing pets, please note that they must be properly licensed including proof of vaccinations.

U.S. currency is accepted at most places in Canada, but don't take for granted that it will be accepted where you're going — if possible, check before leaving the U.S. (especially if traveling well away from the border or major Canadian cities). Several of the border crossings have currency exchange booths available.

Canadian Get-Aways

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, home to world class theater at the Shaw Festival and is located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. This picture perfect village is filled with boutiques, restaurants, live theater, gorgeous landscaping, and much more.
- **The Niagara (Ontario) Wine Trail** is where North American ice wines originated — though they're only one kind of many specialty wines available here. The escarpment region is known for producing earthy grapes with robust mineral flavors.
- **Toronto**, Canada's largest city, is beautiful, cosmopolitan, and fun. About 90 minutes from Buffalo Niagara, it makes for a great day or weekend trip anytime.
- **Algonquin Provincial Park** is Canada's first and one of its largest provincial parks and it's a nature-lover's paradise with outstanding hiking, canoeing, and camping.
- **Montreal, Quebec** is Canada's largest bilingual city, with French and English spoken. It's distinctly European in feeling with outstanding boutiques, cafes, and restaurants, and is a wonderful place to visit any time of year.

easy come EASY GO

A wide-angle photograph of a large cycling event in an urban setting. In the foreground, a dense pack of cyclists in matching black jerseys and pink helmets rides on a paved road. Behind them, a long line of cyclists stretches across the frame. The background features a city skyline with various buildings, including a prominent church with a tall steeple and a modern high-rise. A bridge is visible in the middle ground, and a flag is flying from a pole on the left side of the image.

AVERAGE
COMMUTE IS
21.3 MINS.
5 MINS. FASTER
THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE

- U.S. Census Bureau, 2013

GOBIKE BUFFALO'S ANNUAL SKYRIDE



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Tullamore
Daniel Shani – CEO, Energy Intelligence

Originally from Boston, shown here at Founding Fathers Pub -

(Ranked 19th bar in America you should drink at before you die - Buzzfeed, 2015)



“ I can’t believe how quickly my first year in Buffalo has gone by. It’s definitely due to the rigor and excitement of being a part of 43North, but also the fun to be had throughout the city. Allentown offers a great mix of restaurants, bars, and cafes just steps from my front door and only a 10-minute walk from work. ”

Until you live here, you may not realize how close Buffalo Niagara is to several major metropolitan areas.

- In about one hour or so you can fly to New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, or Philadelphia
- In about two hours or less you can drive to upstate New York cities like Rochester and Syracuse or to Toronto and Stratford, Ontario and several other destinations in Canada (see “Visiting Canada” on page 67 for more information)
- Want to get away for a night? Pittsburgh, Cleveland, the Berkshire Mountains, the Thousand Islands region, and Vermont, are all within about a five-hour (or less) drive, as are Ontario’s Algonquin Park and the Muskoka region (for gorgeous camping), and Montreal, Quebec (for a taste of Europe just half a day away)

Modes of Transportation

AIRPORTS

Take off from Buffalo Niagara International Airport, with more than 120 flights daily, and Niagara Falls International Airport, with specialty carriers to places like Mexico and Florida.

Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)

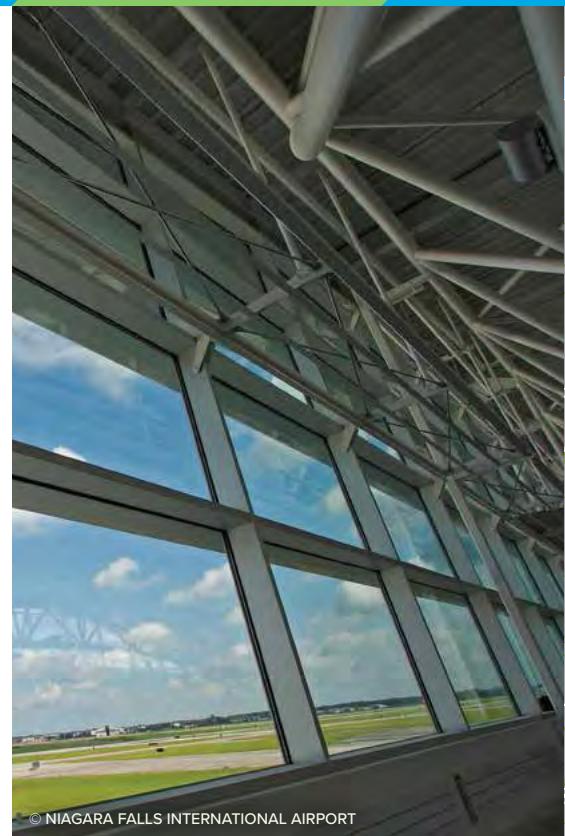
With more than 100 nonstop flights daily as well as connecting service throughout the country and around the world, Buffalo Niagara International Airport is an easy-access airport. Its compact size and ample parking make flying comparatively stress-free compared to many cities.

4200 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
716.630.6000 | 1.877.359.2642 | www.buffaloairport.com

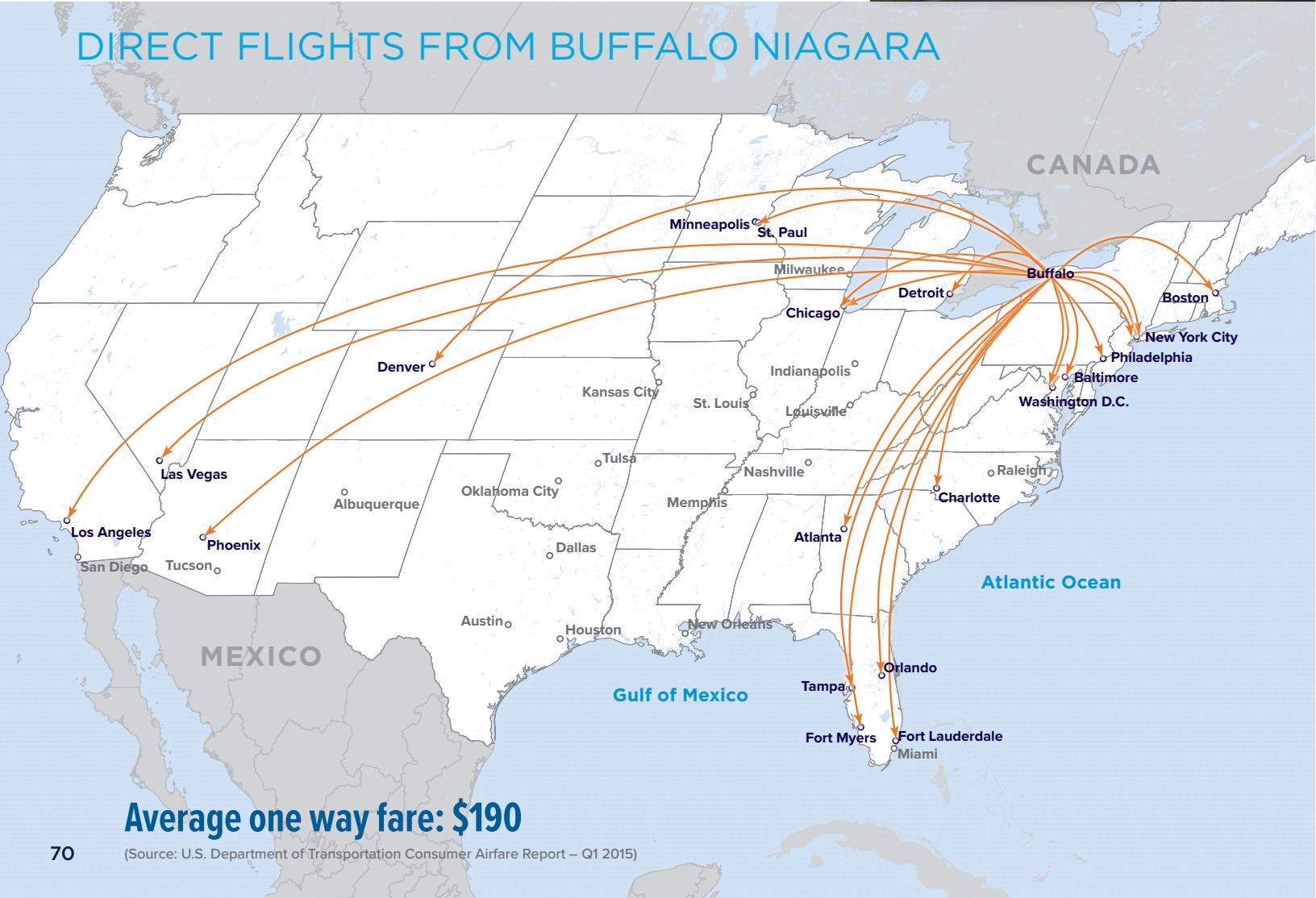
Niagara Falls International Airport (IAG)

Niagara Falls International Airport specializes in destination vacations with specialized carriers, as well as some private business travel. Its location near the U.S./Canada border makes vacation carriers here popular with Canadians as well as Americans, and its small size and specialized use make it easy to get around and get out of town.

2035 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY 14304
716.297.4494 | www.niagarafallsairport.com



DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM BUFFALO NIAGARA





THRUWAY TRAVEL

Toll roads, E-ZPass and Nexus

The New York State Thruway system includes tolls that can be paid with cash or, more conveniently, with E-ZPass, an electronic transponder that's accepted throughout New York State, the surrounding Great Lakes states, and most areas in the New York City metro/tristate area. It's also accepted at U.S./Canada bridge crossings.

- **E-ZPass**
www.e-zpassny.com
- **Buffalo Passport Agency**
1-877-487-2778
www.travel.state.gov/passport/npic/agencies/agencies_5149.html

TRAINS

Amtrak runs daily trains along several major statewide and national routes, making it easy to get where you need to go without the hassle of flying or driving.

www.amtrak.com | (800) 872-7245

- **Exchange Street Depot**
75 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
- **Depew Depot**
55 Dick Road
Depew, NY 14043
- **Niagara Falls Station Building**
2701 Willard Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

VIA Rail Canada makes trips between Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada
www.viarail.ca/en

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Metro Bus and Metro Rail

Public transportation in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the surrounding suburbs include the Metro Bus lines and the Metro Rail — an electric train service with stops along Main Street in Buffalo between the University at Buffalo's South Campus, First Niagara Center, Canalside, and HARBORCENTER, making it easy to get to popular entertainment venues, events, and downtown offices.

metro.nfta.com



Bicycles



Biking's big in Buffalo Niagara — we're adding miles of bike lanes to city streets and dedicated bike paths each year, from waterfront connections between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and to the outlying hills with breathtaking trails and scenery. More than 60 miles of trails have been created in the last few years and more are continuously added that follow beautiful scenic areas like the waterfront or create easy access between cities, such as the newly created trails connecting Buffalo and North Tonawanda. The most comprehensive is the popular Niagara River Greenway Trail — a fantastic network of urban, waterfront, naturalized, and suburban paved pathways and trails. www.niagaragreenway.org



STREET SMARTS BN

THE SCAJAQUADA (AKA – The 198)

Connects I-190 in the Black Rock neighborhood to the Kensington.

Skuh-jack-quah-duh

(Say it quick)

THE BIG BLUE WATER TOWER

In the Town of Amherst, used as a landmark by radio traffic reporters for the interchange of I-290 with I-90.

THE BOULEVARD

Niagara Falls Boulevard, one of the area's major suburban strip shopping areas.

THE KENSINGTON (AKA – The 33)

The Kensington Expressway serves as the primary arterial between Downtown Buffalo and the eastern suburbs.

THE 90

Refers to New York State Thruway Interstate 90. WNYer's add "The" before highway route numbers, such as "The 190," "The 290," and "The 990."

THE QEW

The Queen Elizabeth Way, an expressway linking Niagara Falls and Toronto.

THE YOUNGMANN

(AKA – The 290) The Youngmann Memorial Highway, a six-lane expressway through the suburbs of Amherst and Tonawanda, connecting I-90 with I-190.



BIKE PATHS

Community-based organizations like GObike Buffalo and Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, public officials, and private corporations are committed to making Buffalo Niagara a forward-thinking and bike-friendly region. To that end, and with private investment and support, more than 60 miles of dedicated bike trails have been created in the last few years. These paths follow along much of the area's most beautiful scenic areas, like the waterfront, and enable easy access between destinations. The most comprehensive is the popular Niagara River Greenway Trail, featuring miles of urban, waterfront, naturalized, and suburban paved pathways and trails (www.niagaragreenway.org). In addition, many major city roads have dedicated bike lanes to enable easier commutes by bike.

Find detailed maps of our region's bike routes on the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council's website: www.gbnrc.org.



LOCAL BICYCLE CLUBS

GObike Buffalo

Through advocacy efforts, infrastructure improvements, and community programs, GObike Buffalo works to create healthy, environmentally sustainable, and community friendly options in the greater Buffalo region. gobikebuffalo.org

Green Options Buffalo

greenoptionsbuffalo.org/index.php

Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club | nfbc.com

University at Buffalo Cycling Club
wings.buffalo.edu/sa/cycling

Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association | www.wnymba.org

Buffalo Bicycling Club
www.buffalobicycling.com

BICYCLE EVENTS

SkyRide

A bicycle tour of historic locations, new bicycle infrastructure, and an incredible, scenic ride over the Buffalo SkyWay.

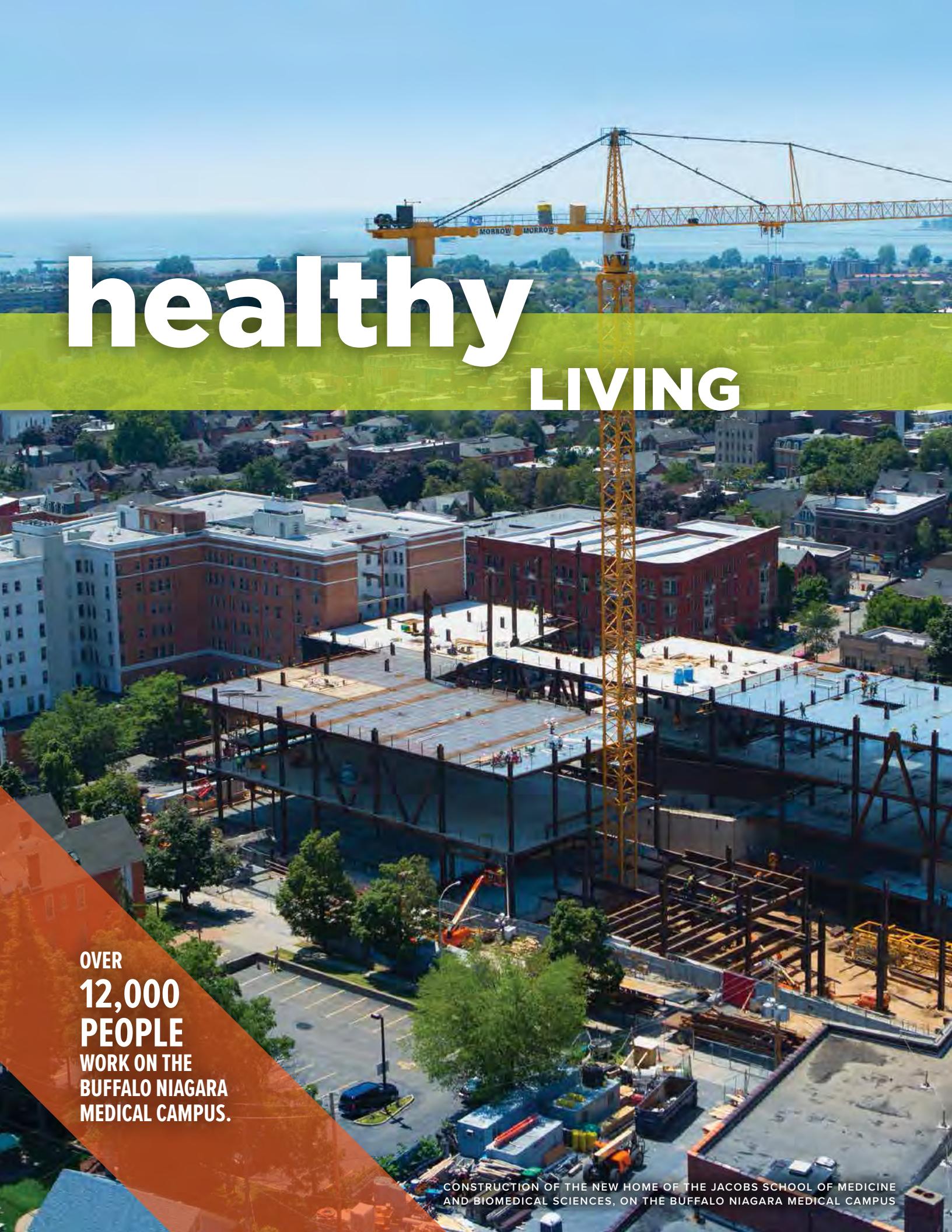
Slow Roll

Slow Roll is a group bicycle ride that meets every Monday night and has expanded into a global network of community rides. Each week, Slow Roll meets at a different venue and riders take a unique route throughout the city of Buffalo and surrounding neighborhoods.

Ride for Roswell

The Ride For Roswell is an annual celebration of community support for Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Each year, more than 8,000 riders and 2,000 volunteers come together to raise funds for cutting-edge research studies and patient-care programs at RPCI. With a dozen routes ranging in distance from three to 102 miles, anyone can participate.

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Vijay Kumar – Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer, Aeskuny Inc

Originally from India, has lived in Buffalo Niagara since 1969

Calls Williamsville home

“ WNY is a fantastic place to live and work. You can find hard working, sincere and dedicated employees here. I am blessed to be able to learn, work, and enjoy life in Buffalo Niagara. ”

Buffalo Niagara's healthcare facilities and health insurers consistently rank among the top in the nation, providing outstanding medical care and coverage for Western New Yorkers of all ages and healthcare needs.

Excellent medical care is available for all needs: preventive, urgent, pediatric and maternity, and other specialized care is accessible throughout Western New York, including:

- The University at Buffalo Medical School and the University at Buffalo School of Dentistry, both of which are highly ranked in their respective fields
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute, a nationally ranked cancer research center
- Several hospital and healthcare networks including Kaleida Health and Catholic Health systems
- Dozens of diagnostic imaging centers and specialized clinics

Healthcare

HOSPITALS, SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital	716-592-2871	www.bertrandchaffee.com
Brooks Memorial Hospital	716-366-1111	www.lakeeriehealth.org
Buffalo General Medical Center	716-859-2840	www.kaleidahealth.org
Cuba Memorial Hospital	585-968-2000	www.cubamemorial.org
DeGraff Memorial Hospital	716-694-4500	www.kaleidahealth.org
Eastern Niagara Hospital	716-514-5700	www.enhs.org
Erie County Medical Center	716-898-3000	www.ecmc.edu
Jones Memorial Hospital	585-596-4119	www.jmhny.org
Kenmore Mercy Hospital	716-447-6100	www.chsbuffalo.org
Lake Shore Health Care Center	716-951-7000	www.tlchealth.org
Medina Memorial Hospital	585-798-2000	www.medinamemorial.org
Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	716-826-7000	www.chsbuffalo.org
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital	716-568-3600	www.kaleidahealth.org
Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center	716-297-4800	www.mshm.org
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	716-278-4000	www.nfmmc.org
Olean General Hospital	716-373-2600	www.ogh.org
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	716-845-2300	www.roswellpark.org
Sisters of Charity Hospital	716-862-1000	www.chsbuffalo.org
Sisters of Charity Hospital - St. Joseph Campus	716-891-2400	www.chsbuffalo.org
United Memorial Medical Center	585-343-6030	www.unmc.org
VA Western New York Healthcare System	716-834-9200	www.buffalo.va.gov
WCA Hospital	716-487-0141	www.wcahospital.org
Westfield Memorial Hospital	716-326-4921	www.wmhinc.org
Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo	716-878-7470	www.kaleidahealth.org
Wyoming County Community Health System	585-786-2233	www.wcchs.net

URGENT CARE FACILITIES

Buffalo Niagara has a robust network of urgent-care centers found throughout the region for those times when healthcare needs are serious but not life threatening:

- **Western New York Immediate Care**
www.wnyimmediatecare.com
- **Pediatric and Adolescent Urgent Care of Western New York**
www.pedsurgentcare.com
- **MASH Urgent Care**
www.mashurgentcare.com

INSURERS

Health insurance is often offered by employers, and there are many options for the self-employed or employees of small businesses through direct-pay programs offered by the area's major insurers. There are also supplemented plans available for eligible small-business employees and their families; information on these programs is available through the New York State Health Insurance Exchange.

- **BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York**
www.bcbswny.com
- **Univera Health Care**
www.univerahealthcare.com
- **Independent Health**
www.independenthealth.com
- **New York State Health Insurance Exchange**
nystateofhealth.ny.gov

Finding a Doctor

Moving to a new city is exciting, but it also requires finding the grocery store you like, the schools your kids will attend, and the healthcare practitioners that fit the needs of your family. The following is a list of local and national physician resources where you can search for general physicians, by location, specialty, and more:

American Medical Association

Resource for general health information, as well as a search function for local physician resources under the "Patients" tab of site. www.ama-assn.org

American Academy of Pediatrics

National website for children's health resources; separate "Parenting Corner" website is a comprehensive site for health-related news, questions, and other topics.

www.aap.org
www.healthychildren.org

New York State Medical Society

Listing of member physicians across the state, as well as information on general health resources.

www.mssny.org

Erie County Medical Society
www.eriemds.org

Niagara County Medical Society
www.niagaracountrymedicalsociey.org

Niagara Health Quality Coalition

For residents of Niagara County, this organization can help you find the care you need, where you need it. Developed to help drive care quality, this coalition provides facility, caregiver evaluations, and more.

www.nhqc.com | (716) 250-6472

BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a dynamic consortium of world-class hospitals and health care providers, exceptional education institutions, and innovative research facilities. Made up of ten members and surrounding neighborhoods, the Medical Campus is home to hundreds of physicians, clinicians, scientists, and researchers, many of whom are world-renowned in the practice of oncology, neurosurgery, immunology, vascular surgery, personalized medicine, cardiology, and beyond. BNMC's hospitals and clinics offer comprehensive care, research affiliations, and clinical trials.

Consortium institutions and organizations include the University at Buffalo Medical School, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, Buffalo Medical Group, Olmsted Center for Sight, Unyts (Upstate New York Transplant Services), the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, and Oishei Children's Hospital. www.bnmc.org



 Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus



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- 10 Roswell Park Cancer Institute
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- 12 Roswell Park – Center for Genetics and Pharmacology
- 13 UB Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences – Opening 2017

- 21 Kaleida Health - Buffalo General Medical Center
- 22 Kaleida Health - Community Mental Health Center and Service Response Center
- 23 UB Research Institute on Addictions
- 24 Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center
- 25 Patient & Visitor Parking
- 26 Kaleida Health - Gates Vascular Institute, UB Clinical and Translational Research Center & Jacobs Institute

- 27 Olmsted Center for Sight / Ross Eye Institute
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“ Buffalo Niagara has made out of towners like us **feel at home in the business community, as well as in our private life within a very short time span. It is indeed a city of **good neighbors.**”**

Businesses are opening, relocating and expanding in Buffalo Niagara just about every day, and career and entrepreneurial opportunities are the strongest in 50 years.

Downtown Buffalo is growing at one of the fastest paces in history, with more than \$5 billion in public and private development projects in the last decade with hundreds of millions more proposed, signaling continued growth and unprecedented opportunities for entrepreneurship and employment.

With our well-educated and skilled employees, low cost of living and robust access to both American and Canadian markets (Canada is the leading trade partner for the United States), Buffalo

Niagara is a strong and growing business region. The region's growth during the Great Recession and continued prospects for economic expansion have been recognized by leading business analysts at publications such as Bloomberg Business Week, CNBC, Brookings Institution, Business Facilities, CNN Money, and Business Week.

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- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015

SALARIES & WAGES

Although salaries and wages in Buffalo Niagara are an average of 2.2% less than national averages, our cost of living is also nearly 3% lower than the U.S. average — meaning you can enjoy a better overall quality of life. If you ask us, that's a worthwhile balance.

OCCUPATION	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	MEAN HOURLY / MEAN ANNUAL
Office and Administrative Support	95,800	\$16.82 / \$34,990
Sales and Related	55,620	\$16.94 / \$35,240
Food Preparation and Serving Related	52,430	\$10.58 / \$22,010
Education Training and Library	39,950	\$23.07 / \$47,980
Production	35,980	\$18.44 / \$38,350
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	32,630	\$34.86 / \$72,510
Transportation and Material Moving	31,080	\$15.83 / \$32,930
Business and Financial Operations	25,120	\$31.45 / \$65,420
Management	22,390	\$50.36 / \$104,750
Installation Maintenance and Repair	19,810	\$20.98 / \$43,640
Personal Care and Service	18,500	\$11.84 / \$24,620
Building, Grounds, Cleaning & Maintenance	18,430	\$12.97 / \$26,990
Construction and Extraction	18,380	\$22.94 / \$47,710
Protective Service	15,100	\$22.11 / \$45,990
Healthcare Support	15,020	\$13.93 / \$28,970
Computer and Mathematical	13,170	\$32.47 / \$67,530
Community and Social Service	8,820	\$21.01 / \$43,690
Architecture and Engineering	7,750	\$33.75 / \$70,200
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media	5,290	\$21.94 / \$45,640
Legal	4,280	\$39.00 / \$81,120
Life, Physical and Social Science	3,590	\$30.42 / \$63,280
Farming, Fishing and Forestry	100	\$16.34 / \$33,990

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Employment and Wage Data, Buffalo-Niagara MSA, 2014



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TOP BUSINESSES

Buffalo Niagara offers a variety of employment opportunities including careers at Fortune 1000® companies like Moog®, M&T Bank®, Tops Markets® and National Fuel® to Rich Products® and Delaware North Companies®, both of which rank among Forbes' America's Largest Private Companies list.



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50 LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	INDUSTRY	FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
Kaleida Health	Health care system	10,000
Catholic Health System	Health care system	6,575
M&T Bank	Commercial Bank	6,500
Tops Markets LLC	Supermarket retailer	5,772
Seneca Gaming Corp.	Entertainment	4,000
Catholic Diocese of Buffalo	Parishes, schools, and institutions	3,200
Moog Inc.	Manufacturer	3,100
Wegmans Food Markets Inc.	Supermarket retailer	3,100
People Inc.	Human Services	2,935
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	Hospital	2,982
Geico Direct	Insurance Services	2,700
Dresser-Rand Co.	Manufacturer	2,500
First Niagara Bank	Commercial Bank	2,230
General Motors Powertrain-Tonawanda Engine	Manufacturer	1,871
Delaware North Cos.	Hospitality and food service	1,785
Citigroup	Financial Services	1,700
GM Components Holdings	Manufacturer	1,675
Time Warner Cable	Telecommunications	1,547
Ingram Micro Inc.	Distributor of microcomputer products	1,507
Cummins Engine Company, Inc.	Manufacturer	1,500
The Resource Center	Human Services	1,500
Elderwood Senior Care	Skilled nursing facility	1,454
Upper Allegany Health System	Hospital	1,429
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York	Health Insurance services	1,400
Verizon	Telecommunications	1,400
Rich Products Corp.	Food manufacturer	1,300
Independent Health	Health Insurance services	1,230
Aspire of WNY Inc.	Human Services	1,208
Baker Victory Services	Human Services	1,200
UB MD Physicians Group	Physicians	1,200
National Fuel Gas Co.	Integrated Energy Services	1,165
Praxair Inc.	Production and distribution of industrial gases	1,150
Bank of America	Financial Services	1,148
Goodyear Dunlop Tires North American Ltd.	Manufacturer	1,100
Key Bank	Commercial Bank	1,100
United Parcel Service	Package delivery services	989
West-Herr Auto Group	Automobile Sales and Service	982
Heritage Centers	Services to people with developmental disabilities	975
Upstate Niagara Coop Inc.	Food manufacturer	956
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	Hospital	941
DuPont	Manufacturer	877
National Grid	Energy Utility	850
Cutco Corp.	Cutlery manufacturing	824
Ford Motor Co.	Manufacturer	750
Fresenius Kabi	Medicine and technology manufacturer	750
The Buffalo News	Newspaper publishing	727
Buffalo Medical Group	Physicians	716
Canisius College	Postsecondary Education	703
Niagara Lutheran Health System	Health care system	700
Aurubis Buffalo Inc.	Brass and copper manufacturing	675

Source: Buffalo Business First, 2015 Book of Lists

Employment Resources

Buffalo Niagara has a number of resources available to people who are relocating. Here is a select listing of employment agencies and online resources. Ask your employer about spousal/partner relocation advisement — some of our region's largest employers, such as the State University of New York system — have programs available.

Grow Your Career

Western New York Jobs
www.wnyjobs.com

**New York State's
Department of Labor**
www.labor.ny.gov

STAFFING AGENCIES

Imagine Staffing	716-218-7819	www.imaginestaffing.net
Remedy Intelligent Staffing	716-831-4800	www.remedystaffingbuffalo.com
SelectOne Search	716-631-4801	www.selectonesearch.com
Superior Group	716-929-1400	www.superiorgroup.com

HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Alcott HR Group	716-626-9500	www.alcotthr.com
Employer Services Corporation	716-691-4455	www.myesc.com

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES

Buffalo Employment & Training Center	716-856-JOBS(5627)	www.workforcebuffalo.org
Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board	716-504-1483	www.becwib.org
ECC One Stop Center	716-270-4444	www.ecc.edu/onestop
Erie 1 BOCES Workforce Development Center	716-821-7500	www.e1fb.org
NCCC Workforce Development	716-614-6236	www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wd
Niagara County Workforce Development Board	716-278-8251	www.niagarawdb.com
New York State Department of Labor	716-851-2750	www.labor.state.ny.us
Orleans Niagara BOCES	716-731-6800	www.onboces.org
UB Educational Opportunity Center	716-645-9555	eoc.buffalo.edu



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- Smartasset, September 2015

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LEADING BUSINESS SECTORS

Advanced Business Services

A tech-savvy workforce and more than 106,000 miles of fiber optic cable are significant assets for companies in financial, health insurance, and educational-support industries.

Advanced Manufacturing

Advanced manufacturing's growth areas include green technologies, biomedical technologies, advanced automotive parts, advanced plastics and new polymers, and food packagers and processors.

Agribusiness

Agricultural heritage, logistics capabilities, research facilities, and manufacturing strength make our region one of the top food production and agricultural-technology centers in the nation.

Life Sciences

Buffalo Niagara is home to nearly two hundred companies in the medical device, therapeutics, and related sectors and is positioned within a growing biomedical industry cluster between Toronto, Cleveland, and Albany with healthcare technology, research, and healthcare centers.

Green Technology & Products

Companies from across the country and around the world are relocating or expanding here thanks to abundant renewable resources — including solar, wind, and waterpower — and support for ancillary businesses.

Higher Education

With nearly two dozen colleges and universities including major research and specialty centers, Buffalo Niagara's higher education institutions are vital to the economic vitality and intellectual culture of our region.

Arts, Culture & Tourism

As the region's economic renaissance continues, the area has been rediscovered as a destination for tourism and culture. A growing number of national and international business, sport and recreational organizations host annual conventions and conferences here and along with support businesses like restaurants, hotels, and retail, this segment has emerged as a significant employer and economic driver.

Starting a Business Here

Entrepreneurial support is plentiful through business-funding competitions and through local and statewide incentive programs. There are also several small business development centers, mentoring programs, and more available to help brand-new startups or expanding operations. With their assistance, you'll be sure to get your business started off right and ensure you're in compliance with local, county, and state licensing and regulatory requirements.

Find the information you need for your particular field from your city or town's municipal offices; your county's business development agency or office; the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); and local Chambers of Commerce.



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CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Buffalo Niagara's business support network is strong and growing, and the Western New York Chamber Alliance includes many chambers of commerce and partner organizations that support businesses of all sizes through a variety of services. It's an excellent resource that will help you find the specific contacts you need, whether you've already determined where your business will be located or want additional information regarding doing business in specific cities, towns, and counties. www.wnychamberalliance.com

Akron Chamber of Commerce	716.542.4050	www.akronchamberofcommercenyc.com
Alden Chamber of Commerce	716-937-6177	www.aldehy.org
Amherst Chamber of Commerce	716-632-6905	www.amherst.org
Black Chamber of Commerce	716-995-0622	www.wnyblackchamber.org
Buffalo Niagara Partnership	716-852-7100	www.thepartnership.org
Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas	716-692-5120	www.the-tonawandas.com
Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce	716-366-6200	www.chautauquachamber.org
Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce	716-684-5838	www.cheektowaga.org
Clarence Chamber of Commerce	716-631-3888	www.clarence.org
Eden Chamber of Commerce	716-992-4799	www.edenny.org/chamber
Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce	716-549-3221	www.ebccny.org
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce	585-343-7440	www.geneseeny.com
Grand Island Chamber of Commerce	716-773-3651	www.gichamber.org
Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce	716-652-8444	www.eanycc.com
Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce	716-372-4433	www.oleanny.com
Greater South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce	716-824-9942	www.southbuffalochamber.org
Hamburg Chamber of Commerce	716-649-7917	www.hamburg-chamber.org
Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce	716-874-1202	www.ken-ton.org
Lackawanna Area Chamber of Commerce	716-823-8841	www.lackawannachamber.org
Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce	716-681-9755	www.laccny.org
Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce	716-754-9500	www.northofthefalls.com
Niagara USA Chamber	716-285-9141	www.niagarachamber.org
Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce	716-662-3366	www.orchardparkchamber.com
Orleans County Chamber of Commerce	585-589-7727	www.orleanschamber.com
Springville Area Chamber of Commerce	716-592-4746	www.springvillechamber.org
Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce	585-593-5080	www.wellsvilleareachamber.com
West Seneca Chamber of Commerce	716-674-4900	www.westseneca.org
Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce	585-237-0230	www.wycochamber.org



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ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS

Visit buffaloniagara.org/startup for a complete list of entrepreneurial resources.

43North

The largest business competition of its kind in the world providing millions of dollars in awards and support. In addition to information on the 43North website, Invest Buffalo Niagara is an excellent source for guidance on this program. www.43north.org

START-UP NY

An economic development initiative for new and expanding businesses working in affiliation with public and private universities and colleges. Companies accepted into the program will be free of several New York State and local taxes for up to 10 years. www.startup.ny.gov

Launch NY

A non-profit venture development organization with a mission to identify, support, and invest in high-growth, high-impact companies and catalyze the entrepreneurial culture of Upstate New York by providing guidance, mentoring, and investments to help emerging companies succeed. www.launchny.org



Additional entrepreneurial resources:

The Western New York Venture Association

www.wnyventure.com

Bright Buffalo Niagara

www.brightbuffaloniagara.com

Small Business Development Center at Buffalo State College

www.sbdc.buffalostate.edu

Small Business Development Centers elsewhere in Western New York

www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/sbdc

Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

(716) 551-4301

ABOUT INVEST BUFFALO NIAGARA

Founded in 1999, Invest Buffalo Niagara represents the eight counties of Western New York. We are the region's nonprofit, privately funded economic development organization focused on job creation. Our mission is to attract new employers to the Buffalo Niagara region through outreach to growing companies around the world.

To support business attraction, expansion, and entrepreneurship, Invest Buffalo Niagara collaborates with local businesses, universities, nonprofit organizations, and elected officials to deliver a unified response to regional economic development opportunities.

Our team of professional economic development consultants provides services to companies considering the Buffalo Niagara region, particularly for the first time.

Our services

From research to ribbon-cutting, we serve as a single point of entry for economic development inquiries and offer a comprehensive suite of client-driven project management services to companies and consultants evaluating the market area:

- Facilitation of cross border due diligence process for international companies
- Confidential and custom site location assistance
- Labor market analysis and demographics
- Serve as your regional concierge
- Personalized multi-region data comparisons
- Facilitation of state and local incentive programming
- Introductions to professional service providers and partners
- Meetings with community and business leaders
- Assistance with workforce and recruitment training needs

Millennials are Moving to Buffalo & LIVING LIKE KINGS

— Gothamist, Jan. 28, 2015

Entrepreneurial Spirit is Driving Buffalo Forward

— The Huffington Post, June 11, 2015

Elon Musk's Boldest Bet Yet: BUFFALO, N.Y., SOLAR HUB

— YAHOO! Finance, June 11, 2015

The Wind and Sun are Bringing the SHINE BACK TO BUFFALO

— The New York Times, July 20, 2015

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- AAA of Western & Central New York
- Alcott HR Group
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- Architectural Resources
- Astronics Corporation
- Bank of America
- Barclay Damon, LLP
- Block Club
- BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York (HealthNow New York, Inc.)
- Buffalo Bills
- Buffalo Niagara Partnership
- Buffalo Urban Development Corporation
- Business First
- Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency
- Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency
- City of Buffalo
- City of Niagara Falls
- Delaware North
- Dunn Tire LLC
- Empire State Development Corporation
- Employer Services Corporation
- Eric Mower & Associates
- Erie County Industrial Development Agency
- Ernst & Young, LLP
- First Niagara Financial Group
- Frey Electric Construction Company
- Genesee County Economic Development Center
- Gross, Shuman, Brizelle & Gilfillan, P.C.
- Hamister Group of Companies
- Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
- HSBC Bank USA, NA
- Imagine Staffing Technology
- Independent Health
- JP Morgan Chase
- KeyBank, NA
- Lumsden & McCormick, LLP
- M&T Bank Corporation
- Merchants Insurance Group
- Moog Inc.
- National Fuel Gas Company
- National Grid
- Nestle Purina PetCare
- NOCO Energy Corporation
- NYSEG
- Orleans Economic Development Agency
- Otis Eastern Service, LLC
- Phillips Lytle LLP
- Remedy Intelligent Staffing
- Schutte Buffalo
- SelectOne Search LLC
- Sonwil Distribution
- Speed Global Services
- Steve Blake-CB Richard Ellis Buffalo
- Superior Group
- TM Montante Development LLC
- Tops Markets, LLC
- Town of Lockport Industrial Development Agency
- Tronconi Segarra & Associates LLP
- Uniland Development Company
- Univera Healthcare
- University at Buffalo
- Wegmans Food Markets
- Wells Fargo
- WNY NYSCAR
- Wyoming County Business Center

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